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Stronger minority

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Conservative Leader Stephen Harper waves to supporters as he takes the stage at his election headquarters last night in Calgary after winning a second minority government.

"Canadians have voted to move our country forward and they have done so with confidence."
Stephen Harper

Harper's Conservatives return with more seats

Election 2008

Canadians have chosen "slow and steady," giving Prime Minister Stephen Harper and his Conservatives a tighter hold on minority government as the country braces for a possible economic downturn.

Harper, 49, was able to make vital gains in Ontario, including big victories in the 905 region, but campaign missteps in Quebec kept his long-sought majority agonizingly out of reach and leaves him facing a divided Parliament.

The Conservatives were headed for around 145 seats early this morning, up from 124 in the last election. The night proved a bitter disappointment for Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion, 53, who failed to sell voters on his leadership or his controversial carbon tax and now faces an almost certain challenge to his leadership.

Dion told supporters early today that he will co-operate with the government in dealing with the economy. "We Liberals will do our part responsibly to make sure this Parliament works," he said.

"I assured (Harper) that my top priority will be the economy."

Conservative Diane Ablonczy insisted the party would be happy with the results, even though it fell about a dozen seats short of the 155 seats needed for a majority.

"We're very pleased with the very strong mandate we received tonight. I think you'll see a Parliament that works much better going forward," she told CBC News last night.

Harper, who must form a new cabinet in the coming weeks, is already facing opposition calls to return Parliament quickly to deal with the country's economic crisis.

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Three in four

- The result marks Canada's third minority government in four years. And it means the Conservatives will continue to face three progressive-leaning parties in Parliament, which could force Harper to strike a more conciliatory approach to his dealings with political rivals.

Grits stung in battle of Ontario

Election 2008

Stephen Harper's Conservatives have broken a 15-year Liberal stranglehold on Ontario.

While early returns indicated the Tories did not win enough of Ontario's 106 seats to secure a majority government, party insiders were elated last night to best Stéphane Dion's Liberals in Canada's most populous province.

"Winning Ontario is a huge triumph for Stephen Harper," Conservative Environment Minister John Baird said.

NDP Leader Jack Layton, easily re-elected in Toronto Danforth, also had a good night in his home province, improving upon the dozen seats his party held going into the vote.

New Democrat officials were thrilled that their campaign paid off in Northern Ontario, where they picked up five seats.

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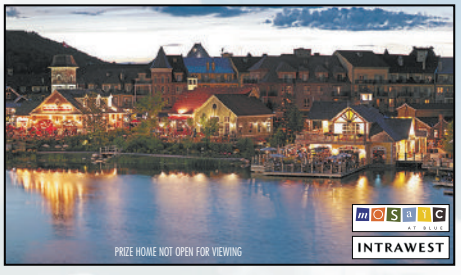

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Sketch of Prime Minister Stephen Harper
Prime Minister Stephen Harper, born April 30, 1959, in Toronto, was a founding member of the Reform party. He was first elected to the Commons as Reform MP in 1993, but did not seek a second term. He was elected MP for Calgary Southwest in May 2002. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Computer glitch

Voters in the Eglinton-Lawrence riding turned up at a local church listed on their voter ID cards to discover the building had been torn down. Elections Canada blamed the error on a computer glitch.
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News in brief

RUN ENDS In the end, it seemed Garth Turner was just a little too controversial, a little too outspoken for Halton voters. The long-time area resident and personal finance guru, well known for his frank and sometimes contentious postings to his popular blog, lost the Halton riding to Conservative Lisa Raitt.
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Layton cruises to win

NDP leader lead from the start in Toronto-Danforth

It was Jack Layton's night in Toronto-Danforth. The former city councillor turned leader of the NDP lead the contest from start to finish, and his victory was never in doubt.

Still, the mood at the NDP victory party in downtown Toronto, was less than exuberant. Everyone felt the shadow of Stephen Harper over them.

That didn't seem to matter to the voters of Toronto-Danforth, a traditionally left-leaning electorate who sent Layton to the House of Commons for the third time since 2004.

Although Layton was criticized in the riding for being an absentee candidate, he was running the NDP's first nationally television-oriented campaign at the same time. Clearly the voters forgave him and handed him a tidy victory.

Like many ridings in southern Ontario, Toronto-Danforth is characterized by considerable ethnic diversity. In addition to Greektown, the district includes Chinatown East, situated around Broadview Avenue and Gerrard Street East. There are also significant numbers of South Asian residents.

In recent months, the riding had been shaken by a series of murders, most notoriously the random shooting of a grocery-store worker caught in crossfire and killed last winter. The victim was a recent immigrant from China.

With a population of just under 110,000, Toronto-Danforth often seems like a large urban riding whose residents have little in common beyond the fact they live in the same district.
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Jack Layton arrives at the KoolHaus with his wife Olivia Chow for his election night event last night.

Bennett going to Ottawa again

STRATEGY Campaigning early on at a subway stop, Carolyn Bennett took "the pulse, as doctors do," and felt pretty confident voters in St. Paul's would send her back to Ottawa as a Liberal MP. The family physician won her fifth election in a row.

The race in St. Paul's was controversy-free as the candidates stuck to issues and avoided mudslinging. But it was marred when an unknown person or people severed brakelines of cars parked at houses with Liberal signs.
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Kingmaker Kennedy defeats NDP's Nash

Liberal kingmaker Gerard Kennedy clinched the win of the city last night, defeating popular incumbent Peggy Nash.

With two of the most high profile candidates in the GTA going head to head, even as the poll results came in it was still unclear whether Parkdale-High Park would swing red or stay orange.

Kennedy, a former MPP, education minister and Liberal leadership contender, has deep roots in the riding, extending back to the mid 1980s when he became the first executive director of the Junction area's Daily Bread Food Bank.

In 2006, Kennedy threw his hat into the Liberal leadership race. At the convention, he put his support behind Stéphane Dion, casting Kennedy in the role of kingmaker.

It's a decision that some longtime Grit supporters confess pushed them towards the NDP. But in the end, Kennedy clinched the win over the incumbent.
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Chow clinches victory on record

CLOSE Incumbent Olivia Chow seemed to lose ground but hung on to the riding she won from the Liberals two years ago.

Fighting back tears, challenger Christine Innes insisted her loss wasn't because of leader Stéphane Dion. "We knew this was a tough race."

Chow ran on her record, the things she helped bring to Trinity-Spadina not just as an MP but as a city councillor — bike lanes, stable funding and a wave deck for Harbourfront, Ireland Park.
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Ignatieff says victory tinged with sadness

A key member of the Liberal team, Michael Ignatieff easily won re-election in Etobicoke-Lakeshore last night, thwarting Conservative Patrick Boyer's hopes of making a comeback.

Ignatieff, who was joined by his wife, Zsuzsanna Zsohar, thanked his opponents for "fighting a dignified campaign."

He also admitted that his victory was tinged with sadness because some longtime Liberal MPs were defeated last night. "I have lost some good friends. I want to let them know, we'll get you back," he vowed.

Barely an hour after the polls closed, television anchors projected Ignatieff the winner — to loud cheers from campaign workers and supporters at the Hollywood on the Queensway restaurant.
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Riding

- The riding includes wealthy neighbourhoods like the Kingsway but has lower-income highrises of Maybelle-Cordova.

Kent anchors Thornhill win

BATTLE Susan Kadis, a powerhouse since the riding was created in 1996, lost her spot as the MP for Thornhill in a neck and neck battle against Conservative Peter Kent.

Kent used his popularity as a former news anchor to sway undecided and new voters. Early returns had showed Kadis pulling away. But Kent took the lead within 20 minutes.
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Oldest and youngest prime ministers

The oldest Canadian prime minister was Charles Tupper, who was 74 years, 10 months old, when he took office on May 1, 1896. Canada's youngest prime minister was Joe Clark, who took office at the age of 39 years, 11 months, on June 4, 1979. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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McTeague rides to victory

PICKERING-SCARBOROUGH EAST As the results of his victory flashed on the TV in front of him, Liberal incumbent Dan McTeague jumped off his chair, pumped his fist, kissed his wife, shook his father's hand, and breathed a sigh of relief. He never really had much to fear.

McTeague has turned himself into a local celebrity by posting the next day's gas prices on his website.

Leading up to his poll's close, he was still talking about gas. "Gas prices went up 3.5 cents a litre tonight (last night)," he said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Flaherty's steady hand approach woos voters

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty, who calmly assured voters that Canada was in good shape to weather the global economic crisis, was re-elected in Whitby-Oshawa last night.

Less encouraging about Ontario's economy, he had said the province was the last place business would invest because of high corporate taxes. And after an out-of-the-blue promise in the federal budget to reopen a Peterborough-Toronto commuter train line that ran through his riding, he was accused of pork barrel politics.

Flaherty also said auto manufacturers made gas-guzzlers, "the least desirable, least marketable vehicles in North America." Arts activists also conducted a vigorous anti-Flaherty campaign on the Internet.

Still, Flaherty's promise of a steady, experienced hand guiding Canada's economy appealed to voters. "In these hard economic times, it's the only party that sounds safe," said Eva Kluczewska, an information systems employee, outside a debate in Whitby. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Boots protest

- Last week the Canadian Auto Workers union dumped thousands of used work boots outside Flaherty's campaign office, symbolizing the 2,600 Durham region autoworkers expected to lose their jobs next year.

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Conservative Jim Flaherty smiles as he speaks at his victory party in his Whitby-Oshawa riding last night.

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Rae cruises to victory in Toronto-Centre

True to form, Toronto-Centre stayed Liberal red as Bob Rae cruised to victory last night.

"I'm very grateful for the support from my constituents. To be re-elected again in short order is a wonderful endorsement," he said before his victory party at Ryerson University.

Rae lamented that in viewing the results, "it looks as if some good friends are not going to make it."

He said Conservative leader Stephen Harper does not appear to have won "a ringing endorsement" from the electorate. Rae added he hopes Harper calls Parliament back early.

"I urge him to do so."

The Toronto Centre riding is home to one of the most diverse parts of this city — the wealthy Moore Park residents are only blocks away from social housing projects and the Gay village.

"I'm very grateful for the support from my constituents. To be re-elected again in short order is a wonderful endorsement."
Bob Rae, last night

The diversity of the people represents the multitude of issues people from different walks of life face. From bed bugs to a lack of supportive housing, the faltering economy and a stressed out transit system — each voter in this riding seems to have their own reasons for voting.

The Toronto Centre riding has been decidedly Liberal since the 1990s. A by-election in March sent Rae to Ottawa.

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More clout for Harper

It looked so tantalizingly close.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper kicked off the campaign predicting no party would win a majority. Yet at the outset Conservatives believed they had a leader, a game plan and momentum that put them within grasp of one.

Harper watched the results roll in, surrounded by family and friends in a Hyatt hotel suite next to Calgary's Telus Centre, where he claimed his first minority victory in 2006.

About 1,000 supporters from Calgary-area ridings watched big screens from the floor. When the television networks projected a minority Conservative government, there was cheering, but no swelling roar of applause.

It was only when the results of Ontario flowed in, that the crowd awoke, celebrating raucously when news of Garth Turner's defeat was broadcast, followed shortly after by Harper's own victory in Calgary Southwest.

Harper will parse the message he believes voters sent last night at a morning news conference before heading back to Ottawa today.

For clues now to what will be the prime minister's approach to governing, look to his advice yesterday to his son Ben.

As the 12-year-old stepped onto the ice for an election day photo opportunity and a little skating practice with the Calgary Flames, Harper, the leader who campaigned as a family man in a sweater vest, gave him a tip. "Don't put up with any bull____."

In the face of an election result that increased his clout in the Commons, Harper's vow during the campaign to govern as if he had a majority can now be considered.

> **"These are back-to-back Conservative governments. That's quite an achievement."**
> MP Jim Prentice

The Conservative leader had declared that a second minority would amount to the "stronger mandate" he sought, and allow him to run the legislative agenda announced in the campaign.

"These are back-to-back Conservative governments," said Calgary Conservative MP Jim Prentice. "If you look at where we are as a party, look at what we've achieved, look at where we are by comparison to five years ago before the prime minister drew together the Conservative party. That's quite an achievement."

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Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion, his wife Janine Krieber and daughter Jeanne watch election results last night at a hotel in Montreal. Dion was re-elected in his riding of Saint-Laurent-Cartierville.

Loss could doom Dion

Stéphane Dion lost his claim on the Liberals' leadership crown last night as his party suffered a crushing defeat at the hands of Stephen Harper and the Conservatives.

Harper fell short of his much-coveted majority, but the Liberals' disappointing loss of several dozen seats will almost certainly spell the end of Dion's improbable tenure as leader of his party.

Dion, who failed during his year and a half in the leadership to win over the public or inspire the Liberal caucus, vowed during the campaign to stay on regardless of the outcome, saying he is not a "quitter."

But last night's results will make it hard for him to argue for a second chance even though Liberal leaders have traditionally been allowed two losses at the polls before being ousted.

The Liberals are unlikely to wait long to begin the search for someone to unite the party and reach out to the middle-of-the-road voters who deserted the Liberals last night.

Many Liberals were already impatient with Dion, a little-known former professor who came up the middle to win the leadership at a 2006 convention that was split between frontrunners Michael Ignatieff and Bob Rae.

Because of Dion's failure to lift his party in the opinion polls, the Liberals were forced into the embarrassing position through much of 2007 and early 2008 of ducking and weaving in Parliament to avoid defeating the Harper minority government and going into an election.

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Responses from Ignatieff, Rae

- Last night, however, Ignatieff declined to discuss the leadership, saying it would be indecent to do so right after the vote. And Rae said the important thing to remember is that Stephen Harper did not get a majority mandate.

Green Party

May loses out in battle with MacKay

NOVA SCOTIA Green Leader Elizabeth May is vowing to hold onto her job after her party failed to win a seat but scored its highest popular vote ever.

Elizabeth May

The election results also suggest Green support may have played a role in producing May's worse nightmare — vote splitting that helped elect a Conservative minority government. May, 54, was soundly defeated in her own riding of Central Nova, losing to Defence Minister Peter MacKay, the incumbent for the past 11 years. The failure to win seats — May had high hopes for as many as eight — could see May face questions about her leadership. But May insists she's secure in her job. "I have no intention of stepping down," May said last night. "I'm the best leader for this party."

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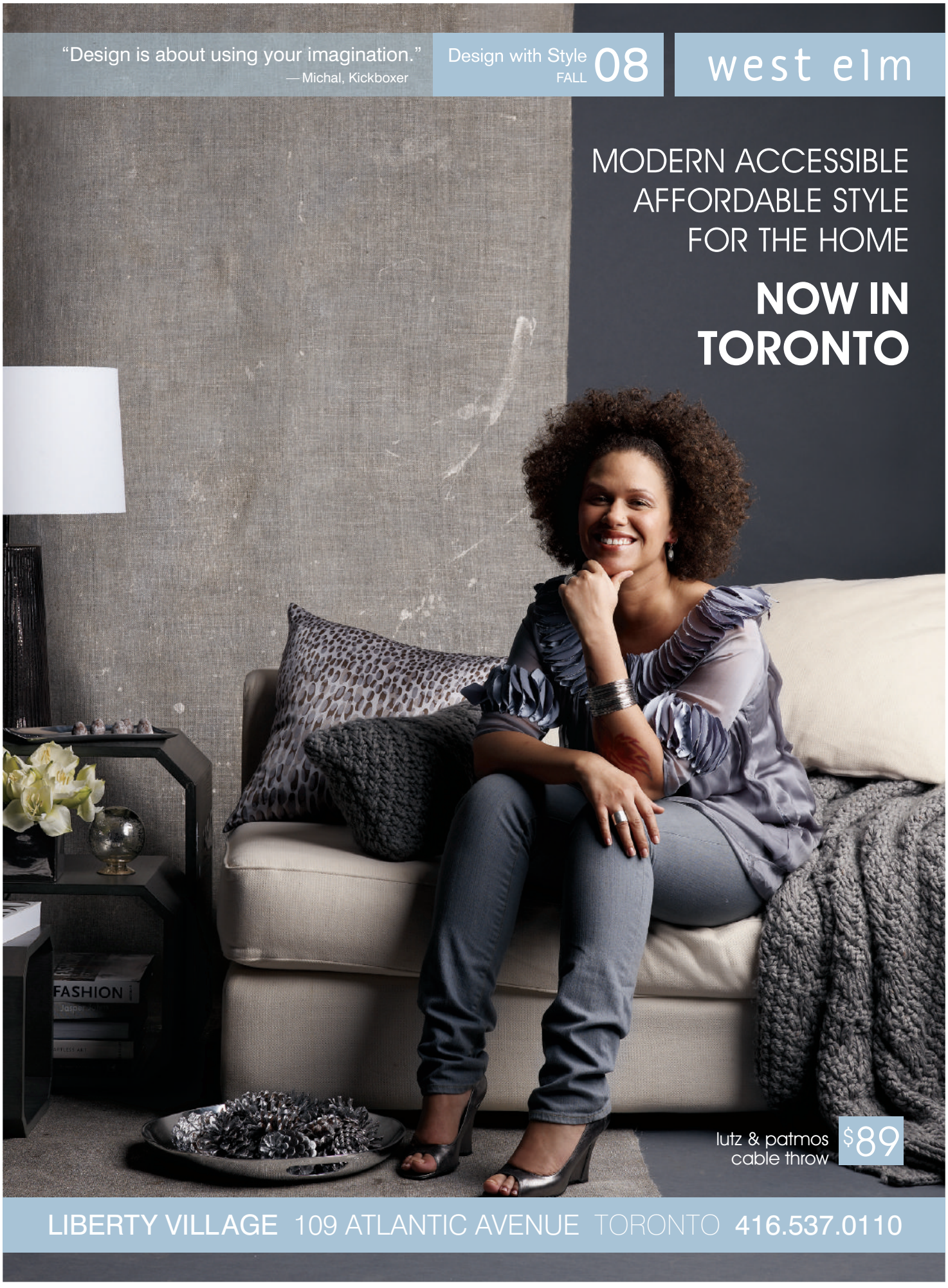
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Expect more drama in House

Experts talks about possible scenarios with another Tory minority

As the dust settles from another federal election, Canadians may spend today blinking and wondering whether the past five weeks were just a dream.

But despite the same old outcome yesterday — Prime Minister Stephen Harper in charge of a minority government — the Canadian constitution does allow for some unlikely but interesting possibilities in the months to come.

Three constitutional experts weighed in with scenarios that could change the status quo.

A crucial thing to remember is while the Governor General is not obliged to follow the will of the prime minister, she has to be careful exercising this authority, said Edward McWhinney, a former Liberal MP who has advised heads of state on constitutional matters.

"The Governor General is part of our checks and balances and there is a discretionary role still. There is the power to act in certain circumstances, but the Governor General is not elected and it is a power that would be used only with extreme caution," he said.

> **"The Governor General is entitled to inquire and find out whether somebody else will enjoy the confidence of the House."** Professor emeritus Ned Franks

After an election the initiative remains with the prime minister and he is entitled to face the House of Commons.

Once the House of Commons is in session, a minority government always has the chance of being defeated on a non-confidence motion.

This would not necessarily mean the calling of a new election, said Queen's University professor emeritus Ned Franks, especially if the vote were to occur within a few months of Parliament reconvening.

Instead, "the Governor General is entitled to inquire and find out whether somebody else will enjoy the confidence of the House," Franks said.

"This would not be (a party leader) just saying, 'Oh sure, I have it! No problem,'" he said. Rather, he said, two or even three parties would have to credibly undertake to enjoy the the confidence of the House together — and make a public commitment to govern as a partnership "for a period of say, two years."

However, University of Toronto professor emeritus Peter Russell felt coalition power-sharing was an unlikely prospect in the current political landscape, even if the Liberals were to hold the most seats.

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Tory promises

Key promises in the federal election campaign by the Conservative party, with projected costs where applicable and available:

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- A near-complete withdrawal of Canadian troops from Afghanistan in 2011.
- Allow 49 per cent foreign ownership of airlines and foreign ownership of uranium mines.
- Maternity, parental leave benefits for entrepreneurs who pay into EI. $150 million annually, financed by EI premiums.
- Tax credit for first-time homebuyers to claim up to $5,000 in closing costs for a rebate of up to $750. $200 million a year, fully implemented.
- Ban kid-friendly flavours and additives from tobacco products and require cigarillos to be sold in packages of at least 20. No cost provided.
- Increase the Senior Age Credit by $1,000, saving those in the lowest tax-paying income bracket about $150 a year. $400 million a year.
- $85 million in tax breaks for families where one spouse forgoes full-time work to care for a disabled family member.
- Introduce maximum life sentences for offenders as young as 14 convicted of first- or second-degree murder; maximum 14-year sentences for youths who commit violent crimes.
- Teens older than 14 who commit serious crimes would no longer have their identities protected.
- End conditional sentencing, also known as house arrest, for 30 serious crimes, including robbery, theft, and arson.
- $113 million over five years to crack down on environmental crime, including maximum penalties of $6 million for companies and $1 million for individuals.
- A consumer protection package including an Internet anti-spam law, a ban on charging for unsolicited text messages and a crackdown on gas-pump tampering. No cost provided.
- Prohibit the export of bitumen to countries without carbon-emission targets equivalent to Canada's.
- $24 million to foster development of international cruise destinations along the St. Lawrence Seaway.
- New tax credit for parents of children under 16 enrolled in eligible arts programs; $150 million a year.
- Let charities and not-for-profit groups set up RESPs for kids from low-income families.
- $2,000 incentives for apprentices who complete eligible training programs to ease shortage of workers in skilled trades. $60 million a year.
- $400 million more over four years for the repayable Strategic Aerospace and Defence Initiative and Automotive Innovation funds.
- Abolish industrial tariffs on imported machinery and equipment. $345 million.
- $10 million over four years for 50 new teaching-hospital residencies.
- $5-million incentive fund to attract Canadian doctors working abroad.
- $5 million over three years for pilot projects to recruit and retain nurses.
- $15 million over four years for Alzheimer's and Parkinson's research, plus $10 million over two years for the National Lung Health Network.
- $50 million for the University of Waterloo's Institute of Quantum Computing, for research and teaching in quantum information.
- $500 million over five years to expand broadband Internet access across Canada.

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Newfoundland voters turn their backs on Conservatives

Voters in New Brunswick have provided a much-needed boost for the federal Conservatives as the ruling party picked up at least two seats there from the Liberals after losing all three of their seats in Newfoundland and Labrador.

As expected, voters in Newfoundland were downright hostile to the Tories, shutting out the party in all seven ridings, mainly because of Premier Danny Williams's aggressive "Anything But Conservative" campaign.

In New Brunswick, the Tories picked up the Liberal ridings of Fredericton and Miramichi.

In the Nova Scotia, the attitude was more complacent.

As expected, Independent Bill Casey — kicked out of the Tory caucus for voting against the federal budget — held his riding in northern Nova Scotia.

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Liberal candidate Justin Trudeau, son of former prime minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau, talks to people yesterday as he does some last-minute canvassing in his riding of Papineau in Montreal. He was leading in early vote totals in the riding last night.

Duceppe, Bloc cement hold on Quebec

The Bloc Québécois, which has always maintained it would not be a permanent fixture in Ottawa, appeared to cement its hold on Quebec as it led in the majority of the province's ridings last night.

The sovereigntist party — which made its gains by focusing on traditional election issues and not Quebec independence — defied pundits who only scant months ago were writing its political obituary.

Bloc Québécois Leader Gilles Duceppe was elected to the Commons for a seventh consecutive term, winning his Montreal riding of Laurier-Sainte-Marie in a landslide.

In early returns, the Bloc had 10 elected members and was leading in 31 other ridings. The Liberals had two elected and were ahead in 16 other ridings.

The Tories had two elected members, including Maxime Bernier, and were ahead in nine other ridings.

Independent MP Andre Arthur appeared headed for re-election in Portneuf-Jacques-Cartier.

The Bloc clobbered Conservative hopes of grabbing a significant chunk of Quebec political real estate, a feat last accomplished in 1988 when Brian Mulroney was prime minister.

In early returns, Conservative International Trade Minister Michael Fortier was trailing in his riding where the Bloc incumbent had double his vote count.

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Police say drownings were murder-suicide

The drowning deaths of Colman Leung and George Ngo, both 22, Saturday were the result of a murder-suicide, say police. Police say Leung was driving the van when it sped to the foot of Bathurst Street, crashed through a cement barrier and fell into the lake. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Local

Power from the sun

Toronto has become the first major city in North America to purchase large amounts of solar heat to offset its use of fossil fuels in buildings. And local taxpayers won't have to pay an extra dime. The city has selected two companies to install, own and operate solar-thermal equipment at 20 municipal sites, which are expected to include community centres, water treatment facilities, shelters and seniors' residences across town. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Terror suspect tries for bail again

COURT The last terrorism suspect held in custody on a national security certificate has the backing of a wide spectrum of supporters, including Montreal filmmaker Alexandre Trudeau and an elderly Kingston imam who has counselled prisoners for 30 years.

But the question Federal Justice Richard Mosley will be left to decide is whether Hassan Almrei's supporters and the more than $40,000 in bail they've pledged are enough to ensure the 34-year-old Syrian refugee will not break the conditions of his release.

Yesterday, during Almrei's detention review hearing, the court heard from those who have offered to post bail for him.

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Man slain in east end

A man found shot in the head in an east-end alley yesterday, a brazen midday slaying, was Toronto's 59th homicide this year. The victim was found just before 12:30 p.m. in an alley next to a West Indian restaurant on Eglinton Avenue East near Markham Road.

He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Police said two suspects fled the scene in a car.

Three schools in the area, Mason Road Junior School, Scarborough Village Junior Public School and St. Boniface Catholic School, were locked down while police searched for the suspects.

Several witnesses said they heard two or three shots.

Paul Priel, a 64-year-old cleaner, said he lives in the same Adanac Drive apartment building as the victim, whom Priel said was in his mid 20s.

"He wasn't new to the area. He was here at least seven years," Priel said.

"It's a surprise.

"The area is not too bad here. Just the odd robbery of a store."

Several hours after the shooting, police remained on the scene, questioning residents of area apartments. Eglinton Avenue East was closed in both directions all day and throughout the evening between Markham Road and Bellamy Road North.

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Police investigate at the scene yesterday near Eglinton Avenue East and Mason Road after a man was shot to death.

Mothers' health must be priority for doctors: Court

APPEAL A doctor's professional obligations do not extend to unconceived children of female patients, the Ontario Court of Appeal has ruled in a case involving a girl left with birth defects from an acne drug taken by her mother.

Requiring physicians to look out for the welfare of yet-to-be-conceived children would force them into an impossible conflict between acting in the best interests of a woman they're treating and the welfare of her future child, the court said in a unanimous decision yesterday. It would also have profound implications for society by interfering with a woman's autonomy, including her right to have an abortion and make decisions about medical treatment, the court said in setting aside a trial judge's finding from two years ago.

"Because the woman and her fetus are one, both physically and legally, it is the woman whom the doctor advises and who makes the treatment decisions affecting herself and her future child," said Justice Kathryn Feldman, who wrote the judgment for a three-judge panel.

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Born disabled

- The court was ruling in the case of Jaime Paxton, 5, who was born severely disabled after her mother, Dawn, began taking Accutane, a drug known to cause catastrophic injuries to a fetus.

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B.C. bylaw deprives homeless of rights: Court

B.C. Supreme Court has struck down a Victoria bylaw aimed at preventing homeless people from setting up tents and sleeping in city parks. The court ruled yesterday the bylaw deprives the homeless of life, liberty and security in violation of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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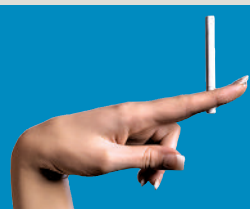

Another reason to butt out

Women who smoke have a dramatically higher risk of developing an abdominal aortic aneurysm than those who never used tobacco, say researchers, adding yet another reason to the long list of reasons for butting out or avoiding getting hooked in the first place. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Windstorm knocks out power in central, northern Ontario

Hydro One has restored power to a majority of the thousands of customers affected by a windstorm yesterday in parts of central and northern Ontario.

Spokeswoman Nancy Shaddick said high winds ahead of a cold front moving across the province were responsible for the outages.

A wind warning covering the Parry Sound, North Bay and Kirkland Lake areas was issued yesterday, with gusts up to 90 kilometres per hour expected.

As of 6 p.m. yesterday, Hydro One's website reported about 2,200 customers remained without power, down from 13,000 earlier in the day.

Shaddick said the hardest hit areas were Sudbury and Timmins.

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Our banks are fine: Analyst

Canada's government is unlikely to buy shares in the country's domestic banks because they are in much better shape than their American and European counterparts, which have required massive assistance from their governments, market observers say.

National Bank analyst Robert Sedran said yesterday that Canadian banks have emerged relatively unscathed by the U.S. subprime problems because of more conservative lending practices.

"The banks in Canada have strong balance sheets and are doing fine," he said yesterday in a phone interview.

However, Sedran said there is a need to ensure that Canadian banks aren't put at a disadvantage by other countries injecting capital into their local institutions, such as the $250-billion US share purchase plan unveiled by President George W. Bush.

Yesterday, Bush said the U.S. government would buy shares in the big American banks as part of the $700-billion bailout package designed to jolt the economy back into growth.

The decision raised some concern that capital would flow toward government-backed banks because they appear more secure, and possibly away from institutions that don't have that guarantee.

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More cash

- On Friday, the Canadian government announced it will buy up to $25 billion in residential mortgages to give the chartered banks more cash for loans. The first round of purchases is scheduled to be $5 billion tomorrow, two days after the federal election.

Charges dropped against soldier in Afghan shooting

A Canadian soldier who spent more than two years trying to clear his name in the shooting death of a colleague in Afghanistan says having the charges against him dropped is bittersweet.

Jeffrey Walsh

Master Cpl. Robbie Fraser had been charged with manslaughter and negligent performance of duty after a gun allegedly discharged in the cramped confines of a military vehicle outside Kandahar in August 2006, killing Fraser's good friend Master Cpl. Jeffrey Walsh of Regina. But new information presented by the defence led the prosecution to withdraw the charges at the beginning of Fraser's court martial yesterday at Canadian Forces Base Shilo in Manitoba.

"It's good to have it finally over with, but Jeff made a sacrifice that day, and it's not going to change what happened that day," Fraser said. "I don't feel any differently." THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

SENTENCE A 24-year-old Amherstburg, Ont., man has been sentenced to two years behind bars for a crash that killed his best friend. Mathew Warren pleaded guilty to dangerous driving causing death in the May 2006 crash that killed 20-year-old Dan Arksey.

ANNIVERSARY It has been one year since the death of a Polish man after being jolted by an RCMP Taser at Vancouver International Airport, launching an ongoing public inquiry into the police use of stun guns. Robert Dziekanski, 40, collapsed and died after being shocked by a Taser as three Mounties confronted the agitated man early on the morning of Oct. 14, 2007.

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Faulty computer sensor blamed for terrifying midair plunges by Qantas airliner

An Australian investigator says a faulty computer sensor likely caused a Qantas jetliner to experience two terrifying mid-air plunges within minutes last week. More than 40 people were injured when the Airbus A330-300 briefly nosedived twice during a flight from Singapore to Australia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Clinton won't run in 2012

Hillary Clinton was back in the spotlight yesterday, doing a series of television interviews in which she ruled out running for president in 2012 and said she wasn't interested in any high-level positions if Barack Obama becomes president.

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Obama, McCain prep for debate

Barack Obama and John McCain will both pursue the image of a strong leader in troublesome economic times as they meet tonight for their third and final presidential debate.

Their faceoff comes as Obama widens his lead in typically Democratic states and campaigns with an air of optimism about his prospects, while McCain seeks a way to gain ground and finds himself defending traditionally Republican states with less than three weeks left in the race.

Yesterday in battleground Pennsylvania, McCain unveiled new economic proposals and previewed a possible debate strategy: Argue that he would be different from Bush and better than Obama.

One day earlier in swing state Ohio, Obama outlined his own economic plan and pitch. He suggested that McCain was more of the same and that putting a Democrat in charge was the only way to fix the economy.

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Debate details

- Tonight's debate at Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y., is slated to focus entirely on the economy and domestic policy. The candidates will be seated at a table with moderator Bob Schieffer of CBS.

France Underwater world record

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Hungarian escape artist David Merlini holds his certificate from the Guinness Book of World Records after he set a new underwater world record on Monday at the Mipcom 2008 in France. He held his breath for 20 minutes and 39 seconds.

Bailout becomes buy-in as U.S. moves into banking

ECONOMY Big banks started falling in line yesterday behind a rejigged bailout plan that will have the government forking over as much as $250 billion US in exchange for partial ownership, putting the world's bastion of capitalism and free markets squarely in the banking business.

Some early signs were hopeful for the latest in a flurry of radical efforts to save the country's financial system. Credit was a bit easier to come by, and stocks were down but not alarmingly so after Monday's stratospheric leap.

It's all about cash and confidence and convincing banks to lend money more freely again in order to revive the economy.

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News in brief

CALIFORNIA Desert winds pushed one of three major wildfires burning across Southern California to nearly double its size overnight, firefighters said yesterday, the third day of the blazes that have destroyed dozens of homes and forced thousands to flee. One person was killed by the flames; another died in a car crash as a blaze neared the freeway.

PAKISTAN The United Nations says almost 190,000 people are believed to have fled fighting between Pakistani troops and militants in the Afghan border region. The UN statement came amid reports of fresh clashes in the area yesterday.

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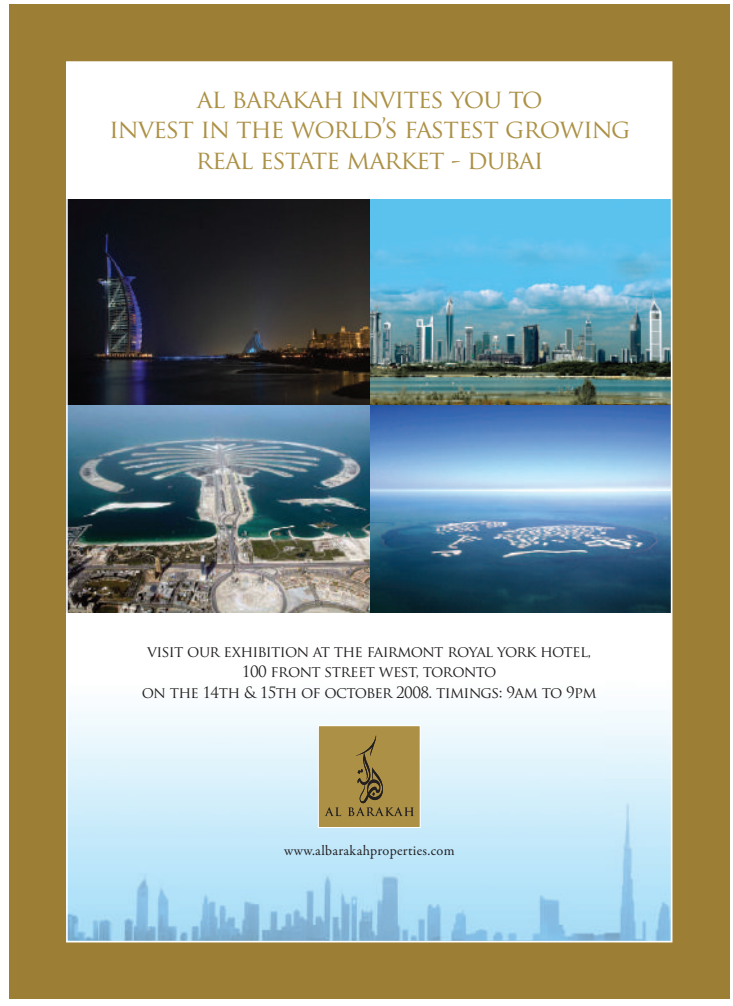

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Loonie reverses its slide on back of rising commodities

Strengthening prices for commodities, such as copper, and a softening U.S. dollar energized the loonie yesterday, pushing it up more than a cent against the U.S. greenback.

The loonie plunged alongside stocks last week, falling 7.77 cents — 2.59 cents alone on Friday. Yesterday, it closed up 1.4 cents at 86.09 cents US.

The U.S. dollar fell against many major currencies as oil prices fell below $79 US a barrel.

"There is some confidence around the world that you're going to see this flight to safety to the U.S. dollar diminish somewhat," said TD Bank chief economist Don Drummond, but commodities remained "the major lift behind the Canadian dollar."

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TSX roars back to life

Toronto stock market records biggest spike

Toronto's premier stock index staged a massive rebound yesterday, surging nearly 900 points, as investors cheered plans by American and European governments to collectively invest about $2 trillion US of taxpayer money into beaten down bank stocks with an eye to preventing a global recession.

The S&P/TSX Composite Index, during early trading, surged by as much as 18 per cent, recording its biggest-ever intraday spike. It later gave back a huge swath of that gain, closing up 9.82 per cent or 890.5 points to 9,955.66.

> **"Clearly the Canadian market is catching up to what the rest of the world did yesterday."**
> Kate Warne

"Clearly the Canadian market is catching up to what the rest of the world did yesterday (Monday)," said Kate Warne, a Canadian market strategist with brokerage Edward Jones.

The U.S. government plans to spend $250 billion on equity stakes in major American banks. It may also guarantee nearly $2 trillion in U.S. banks' debt and deposit accounts for more than three years in an effort to break the logjam in bank-to-bank lending.

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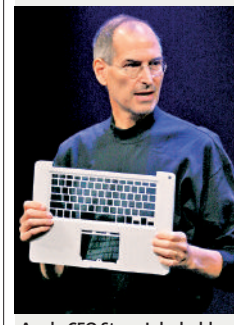

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Apple CEO Steve Jobs holds up a new aluminum frame as he introduces new versions of the MacBook and MacBook Pro in Cupertino, Calif., yesterday. All the new laptops now use casings cut and tooled from aluminum.

St. Thomas truck plant closing

Daimler AG stunned the southwestern Ontario city of St. Thomas yesterday by announcing it will permanently close the sputtering Sterling heavy trucks operation next March, eliminating more than 1,300 jobs.

Daimler, which plans to scrap the Sterling brand, is also closing a second factory in Portland, Ore., in 2010. It will transfer output to other operations in the U.S. and Mexico.

While dropping the Sterling badge, the company will retain its Freightliner and Western Star brands.

Union officials noted that Daimler is closing the St. Thomas plant while opening a new operation in Saltillo, Mexico, a month earlier next year.

Workers in St. Thomas are paid about $25 an hour; employees at the new Mexican plant would earn between $2.50 and $4, according to David Elliott, president of Canadian Auto Workers Local 1001.

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In brief

ICON FOLDING? Waterford Crystal, the Irish icon fighting for survival, plans to cut most of its remaining work force in Ireland and produce the bulk of its hand-cut glassware overseas, union representatives said yesterday. The Dublin factory is one of the country's top tourist attractions.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Madden breaks his consecutive commentary streak

John Madden, who has called an NFL football game for 476 consecutive weeks, will take this Sunday off to spend more time with his family. The 72-year-old, who travels by bus because of a fear of flying, would have had to travel to Tampa Bay from San Diego, where the Chargers defeated the Patriots Sunday night. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Pacman suspended indefinitely

Dallas Cowboys cornerback Adam (Pacman) Jones has been suspended indefinitely without pay by the NFL for an alcohol-related altercation with a personal security guard at a Dallas hotel last week. Jones will be suspended at least four games for violating his reinstatement arrangement, which expected the 25-year-old to refrain from any behavior that puts him, his team or the league in a negative light.

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Cherapanov had heart problems, says investigator

NHL Russian hockey player Alexei Cherepanov, who collapsed and died during a game, had heart problems and probably should not have been allowed to play, a regional investigator suggested yesterday.

Alexei Cherapanov

Yulia Zhukova said Cherepanov, who died Monday playing in a game outside of Moscow, apparently had chronic ischemia — a medical condition that occurs when the heart or other organs do not get enough blood. His agent refutes the claims and said tests cleared Cherapanov to play. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Raptors rip Moscow

NBA RESULTS

Toronto 86 | Moscow 78

VS

THE SKINNY: Chris Bosh scored 24 points and added 10 rebounds to lead Toronto to a 86-78 win over CSKA Moscow yesterday in the Raptors' annual pre-season game against a Euroleague opponent.

THE QUOTE: "Charity time is almost over. If you aren't going to apply what we do in practice, you aren't going to play" - Coach Sam Mitchell

THE UNUSUAL: The Raptors have played more games against international clubs than any other NBA team in the last eight years. They've lost two games in that span.

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Toronto's Chris Bosh, centre, is blocked by a pair of CSKA Moscow defenders during the pre-season game last night in Toronto.

THE RUMBLING: Coach Mitchell is growing tired of his veterans dogging it in the meaningless pre-season.

THE NEXT GAME: Toronto takes on the Minnesota Timberwolves Thursday night at home. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Beeston returns — this time as interim CEO to steer Jays

MLB The Toronto Blue Jays are turning to a familiar face to be their new chief executive officer — Paul Beeston.

Paul Beeston

The man who helped build the team from its inception in 1977 en route to a pair of World Series championships takes over the position on an interim basis.

The team said yesterday that Beeston will assume responsibility for the day-to-day operations of the baseball club and Rogers Centre effective immediately.

Beeston is the latest member of the club's glory years brought back to help rebuild the team. Cito Gaston returned as manager after John Gibbons was fired on June 20. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sports in brief

NFL The Baltimore Ravens placed starting right guard Marshal Yanda on injured reserve yesterday, effectively ending the second-year player's season. Yanda, who suffered an injury to his right knee Sunday, is expected to have surgery soon.

NBA Minnesota Timberwolves guard Sebastian Telfair has been suspended without pay for three games for pleading guilty to a weapons possession charge in the state of New York, the NBA announced yesterday.

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Red Wings visit the White House
U.S. President George W. Bush welcomed the Detroit Red Wings to the White House yesterday, celebrating its 11th Stanley Cup championship. The Red Wings have won five Cups during the past 12 seasons. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports in brief

MLS FC Barcelona will submit a bid today to bring a Major League Soccer franchise back to South Florida. The Spanish club is partnering with Marcelo Claure, a Miami resident and owner of FC Bolivar. The deal would make Barcelona the first club in Europe to have a direct tie to MLS. Miami had an MLS team from 1998-2001.

SOCCER UEFA ordered Atletico Madrid yesterday to play its next two home Champions League games at a neutral venue because of violent and racist behaviour by the club's fans during a recent match against Marseille. The Spanish club was also fined $235,874 for the incident.

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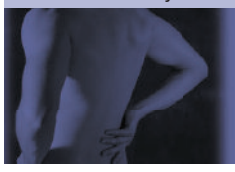
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YorkReport

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They no longer have Jaromir Jagr, but they have, um, Aaron Voros — and the New York Rangers are on fire.

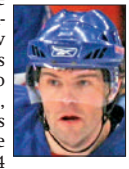
And if they defeat the Buffalo Sabres tomorrow night, the Rangers will catapult to 6-0, which would be the best start in their long history.

"We honestly didn't expect to come out of the gate like this," goaltender Henrik Lundqvist confessed.

"But we're realizing we have something special. We're exceeding expectations because our players have some surprising skills."

Among them is Voros, a 27-year-old Vancouver native initially chosen 229th overall in the 2001 NHL draft. He couldn't reach the NHL until last season, when he had a cup of coffee with Minnesota.

On Monday, in the Rangers' 4-1 triumph over the New Jersey Devils, Voros stood out with two goals and an assist, pushing his points total to seven. He produced only 14 points in 55 games with the Wild last season.


Jaromir Jagr

"When we scouted him, we saw a greasy player who would work hard and go to the difficult areas to score goals," Rangers coach Tom Renney said of Voros, whom the Rangers signed as a free agent this past summer. "We got him for a reason, and he's doing exactly what we figured he'd do."

Jagr, meanwhile, is playing for Avangard Omsk in the Kontinental Hockey League, and, privately, the Rangers are whispering they're better off without the future Hall of Famer and his mood swings.

• It's very early in the NHL season, but sources tell us:

Mike Keenan will be toast as Calgary coach if the Flames don't get hot soon.

Luke Schenn is poised as an 18-year-old defenceman for the Toronto Maple Leafs but relies too heavily on his wrist shots and has yet to fire a slap shot in three games.

The Chicago Blackhawks are souring on goaltender Cristobal Huet and will start alternating him with Nikolai Khabibulin.

• Now that Paul Beeston has rejoined the Blue Jays as interim president, don't be surprised if his ex-partner, Pat Gillick, isn't far behind...The Yanks also covet Gillick, who's in his final days as the Philadelphia Phillies' general manager. . I keep hearing J.P. Ricciardi's days as the Jays' GM are numbered, regardless...A whole bunch of players given away by the Jays in minor trades over the years are starring in the league championship series, including the Los Angeles Dodgers' Casey Blake and the Philadelphia Phillies' Matt Stairs and Jayson Werth.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

Stairs enjoying himself

• Former Blue Jay Matt Stairs, who hit a dramatic, game-winning, pinch-hit home run in the Philadelphia Phillies' triumph over the Los Angeles Dodgers in the NL championship series Monday night, is anything but traditional when it comes to his hitting philosophy. While virtually every other major-leaguer claims they step to the plate with the objective of making good contact, Stairs openly admits he aims for homers. "I try to hit the ball out of the park," he said. "I'm not going to lie. It's fun."

ALCS Rays relentless

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Tampa Bay Rays' Willy Aybar hits a two-run home run against Boston Red Sox pitcher Tim Wakefield in the third inning in Game 4 of the American League baseball championship series in Boston yesterday. For a full game story check out www.metronews.ca.

Atlanta thrashed by Wild

NHL ROUNDUP

Minnesota 4, Atlanta 2

HOCKEY Antti Miettinen scored twice and Andrew Brunette had a goal and an assist as the Minnesota Wild dispatched of the Atlanta Thrashers by a 4-2 margin at Philips Arena.

Marian Gaborik added an unassisted tally while Miettinen also assisted on Brunette's first period goal. Niklas Backstrom halted 24-of-26 shots to get the win for the Wild, who won their season opener at home on Saturday, 4-3, against Boston.

Penguins 3 Flyers 2 (OT)

Pascal Dupuis scored with 11 seconds remaining in overtime to give the Pittsburgh Penguins their second overtime win of the year.

Philadelphia came from 2-0 down to tie it on goals by Sam Gagne and Jeff Carter. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Tampa Bay at Boston, 8:07
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x-Boston at Tampa Bay, 4:37
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NATIONAL LEAGUE
Philadelphia vs. L.A. Dodgers
TONIGHT, OCT. 15
Philadelphia at L.A. Dodgers, 8:22
FRIDAY, OCT. 17
x-L.A. Dodgers at Philadelphia, 8:22
(Phillies lead series 3-1)
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NHL

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS
Minnesota 4 Atlanta 2
Pittsburgh 3 Philadelphia 2 (OT)
Colorado at Calgary, 9
Anaheim at L.A. 10:30
Columbus at San Jose, 10:30

CFL

FRIDAY, OCT. 17
B.C. at Edmonton, 9
SATURDAY, OCT. 18
Montreal at Toronto, 3
Winnipeg at Calgary, 6:30
SUNDAY, OCT. 19
Hamilton at Saskatchewan, 3

NFL

SUNDAY, OCT. 19
Baltimore at Miami, 1
Dallas at St. Louis, 1
Minnesota at Chicago, 1
San Diego at Buffalo, 1
Tennessee at Kansas City, 1
San Francisco at N.Y. Giants, 1
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 1
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The modern and swoopy 6

New Mazda 6 gains size and power

Mazda's success in lifting the 6 (or Atenza in other markets) to global acclaim — out of the 626's boring mould — was no small feat.

For North America, Mazda poked and prodded the 6 to nearly become the largest car in its class. One body style is offered, a sedan, fitted with your choice of either a powerful 170-hp 2.5L four-cylinder engine or a really powerful 272-hp 3.7L six-cylinder engine. That motor is wrapped in a four-door shell, modern and swoopy, helped along by even the smallest wheel size being 17-inch alloys.

In Asia, Europe and the Middle East, the 6 is offered in three body styles like the outgoing model: Sedan; five-door hatchback; or wagon. It's offered with a range of engines, including diesels. And size-wise, it's nearly identical to the outgoing car while "our" 6 is more than seven inches longer than "their" 6. Ours is also slightly larger in all other measurements, including weight.

Do I need to express which one Canadians would rather drive?

Despite wanting to hold the, um, dimensions against it, the new 6 is simply larger than the original in every dimension: Wheelbase is lengthened by 115 mm; overall length is greater by 195 mm; and overall width is increased by 60 mm. The upshot? You'll benefit from more headroom, shoulder room, legroom and cargo room — the trunk grows by a useful 39 litres to 469 litres.

Inside, the 6 is a mix of current Mazda themes — pronounced centre stack, multiple red displays and a sporty instrument binnacle. Kudos to Mazda for keeping the two trim levels similar in interior appearance, with the base car feeling upscale — without making the top trim cars appear too cheap. Cubbyholes are everywhere, but perhaps not as many as in an Accord.

The car is offered in two trim grades, GS and GT. And listen closely because it gets murky: Each trim level is available with either the four-cylinder or six-cylinder engine. On four-cylinder models, the standard transmission is a six-speed manual, with a five-speed automatic optional. On V6 models, a six-speed automatic is the only transmission available.

The four-cylinder GS starts at $22,495. You want standard features? Seventeen-inch wheels, anti-lock brakes (ABS) with electronic brake force distribution, traction control, front and side airbags as well as side-curtain air bags, height-adjustable rear headrests, anti-theft alarm system, and engine-immobilizer are included, as are power windows, tilt and telescopic steering wheel, AM/FM/CD/MP3/AUX-IN stereo with six speakers, air conditioning, 60/40 split-fold rear seat. Both a five-speed automatic transmission with Sport mode (four-cylinder models) and satellite navigation system are available as standalone options.

When equipped with the 3.7-litre V6 engine, the GS gets fog lights and LED taillights and bumps to $27,495.

With the four- or six-cylinder motor, the only package available on the GS is labelled "Comfort" — included are: Dynamic stability control, eight-way power driver's seat, sunroof, leather-wrapped steering wheel, shift knob and parking brake handle, and rain-sensing wipers.

The GT trim is basically the GS with the Comfort package plus a few goodies, at a starting price of $27,395 for the four-cylinder. Eighteen-inch alloy wheels, fog lights, LED taillights, leather interior, heated front seats, four-way power adjustable passenger seat, automatically dimming mirrors, six-disc CD changer, Homelink, and trendy "indirect illumination" from the overhead console. Don't forget you've still got to pay extra for the six-cylinder motor.

Top-range 6s will trot from the factory draped in the "GT Luxury" package, with smart keyless entry system and push-button ignition, BOSE surround sound system, Bluetooth integration, SIRIUS satellite radio compatibility, and HID headlights with manual leveling adjustment. On GT V6 vehicles, the package also includes a blind spot monitoring system and a welcome foot light on exterior mirrors.

Light-but-direct steering, high levels of grip, impeccable turn-in, under-control torque steer and predictable body roll and lean mean the 6 can be wound up and enjoyed if you're in a hurry.

CAR GUIDE STAFF/ FOR METRO CANADA

2009 Mazda 6

Type: Sedan
Price: $22,495 and up
Engine: 2.5-litre I-4 or 3.7-litre V6
HP: 170 and 272

Highlights

- Larger than predecessor
- Light, direct steering
- Looks upscale

Increased dimensions on the Mazda 6 means you will benefit from more headroom and shoulder room.

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A tough cookie

Suzuki delivers a true 'ute with Grand Vitara

There's a lot to like about the Grand Vitara, especially in this latest iteration, where utility and performance of a full-size SUV have been mated to the styling, economy, and ease of use normally associated with a car-based cute 'ute.

Suzuki is still an unknown quantity for many buyer, but once you've taken the Grand Vitara off-road, you begin to appreciate the engineering feats Suzuki has accomplished. First, this is a true 4WD vehicle. It's unibody with an integrated ladder frame, plenty of ground clearance, and an impressive 4WD system that's capable of sending all of the vehicle's power front or rear — or anywhere in between — depending on the conditions. You can't say the same for the competition who trade off-pavement potential for everyday comfort.

Sure, the Grand Vitara could ride a bit better, but it's by no means harsh — it's actually quite surprising just how well it's been tuned for on-road comfort.

The big news for 2009, apart from the slightest of interior and exterior freshening, is the addition of a four-cylinder engine.

The unit is a relatively fuel-efficient 166-hp 2.4-litre four-cylinder engine, with a more powerful 230-hp 3.2-L V6 optional. Suzuki says the mix between four-cylinder and six-cylinder models in the Grand Vitara's class is tilting in favour of the four-bangers across the segment — from a 40/60 ratio just last year to more than 50/50 now. That means Suzuki is also expecting to double their market share, a goal that seems perfectly reasonable.

But in keeping with the rough-and-tumble capabilities, the vehicle has been blessed with a four-mode 4WD system that can switch between 4-High and 4-Low, and to neutral for flat towing. Oh, and it also has the highest tow rating in its class at 1,360 kg. It's one tough cookie.

What's new for 2009: Six standard airbags; ESP (V6 models only, includes Hill Hold and Hill Descent Control); rear disk brakes with ABS, EBD and Brake Assist; chrome-plated inside door handles; extendable sun visors and sliding armrest; a vehicle information dash display; eight speaker premium sound system (JLX); bigger front grille and front bumper; 17-inch alloy wheels (V4); 18-inch alloy wheels standard on the V6.

Pricing starts at a competitive $25,995 for the Grand Vitara four-cylinder in JA trim with a five-speed manual; fully loaded four-cylinder models ring in at $28,995. The larger V6 costs an additional $2,500, to $31,695 — and a Grand Vitara V6 in full-zoot leather interior hits $32,695. In all, it's a compelling product at a reasonable price.

CARGUIDE STAFF/FOR METRO CANADA

2009 Suzuki Grand Vitara

Type: SUV
Price: $25,995-$32,695
Engine: 2.4-litre four-cylinder or 3.2-L V6
HP: 166 or 230

Highlights

- 4WD
- Highest tow rating in class
- Reasonably priced

Once you've taken the Grand Vitara off-road, you begin to appreciate the engineering feats Suzuki has accomplished.

'Magic wagon' vans an icon 25 years later

The 1984 Plymouth Voyager, one of the first "magic wagons" that revolutionized family transportation.

VANS In 1983, the Internet was in its infancy, the first mobile phones were introduced and Chrysler was assembling a new automotive innovation — the first minivan.

Baby boomers were starting families in large numbers and looking for an economical alternative to traditional sedans and wagons.

In response, Chrysler product planners devised a platform theme that utilized a flat-load floor with the entire powertrain in front of the passenger compartment. Utilizing a front-engine, front-wheel-drive chassis design, Chrysler engineers created a platform with chair-high command-of-the-road seating and easy entry and exit.

After obtaining federal funding in 1980 to develop the "magic wagon" program, the company revamped the Windsor Assembly Plant to produce the upcoming family hauler.

On Nov. 2, 1983, the first minivan rolled down the assembly line in Windsor, and became an instant success.

As the minivan became a cultural icon throughout North America in the 1980s, its introduction to the international markets helped establish and solidify the Chrysler brand worldwide.

With more than 12 million minivans sold worldwide and over 260 awards— including 2008 "Minivan of the Year" and "International Truck of the Year" by the International Car of the Year organization— Chrysler and Dodge minivans are continuing to make history.

Change of heart at the lot

BUYING A majority of vehicles in the U.S. are rejected only after a new-vehicle shopper has visited a dealership, according to the J.D. Power and Associates 2008 Escaped Shopper Study.

The study, which analyzes the reasons why consumers consider a model but ultimately purchase a different make or model, finds that 80 per cent of vehicles are rejected after a new-vehicle shopper has visited a dealership.

Three dealer-related issues are among the top reasons for not purchasing a vehicle: Another dealer has better service; limited availability of the specific vehicle shoppers are looking for on dealer lots; and lack of professionalism among personnel at the dealership.

The study also finds that an increasing number of shoppers have considered buying an Asian brand, 63 per cent in 2008, up from 60 per cent in 2007.

Conversely, the proportion of shoppers who considered buying a domestic brand has decreased, down to 55 per cent in 2008 from 58 per cent last year.

Shoppers who cross-shop among Asian and domestic brands are more likely to purchase an Asian brand and most often cite retained value, reliability and gas mileage as primary reasons for their choice.

In contrast, customers who purchase a domestic brands instead most commonly cite a desire to "buy American" as their primary reason for purchase, followed by rebates and incentives offered, and vehicle price.

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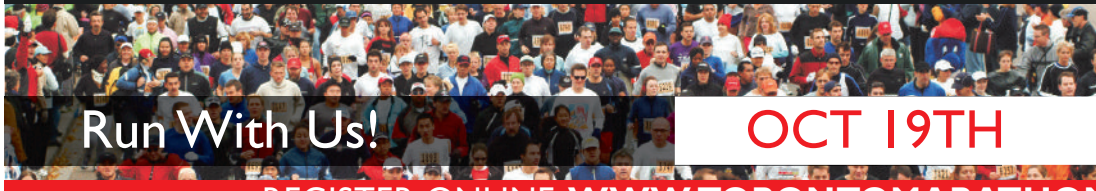
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B-Class an unexpected hit

Humble European roots are refined in roomy 2009 model

JIM ROBINSON
for Metro Canada

Hugely popular in Europe and abroad, the B-Class is not the first car one thinks of when you mention Mercedes-Benz.

The image of Mercedes-Benz in North America is of prestige vehicles loaded with technology. But in the rest of the world, Mercedes sells an astounding range of cars, buses and trucks that fill every price and need.

And while our American cousins eschew compact sedans and hatchbacks, they have always been popular here, as witnessed by the success of the Smart car.

Built to Euro-tastes, the first B-Class cars brought into Canada in 2005 as a down market, entry-level car. With plastic wheel covers over steel wheels and black door handles, they didn't resemble we think of as a Mercedes-Benz with all the prestige and pride that comes with the three-pointed star.

But the new model adopts E-Class character lines that rises progressively from the front wing to the rear taillight, an interesting divergence between the concave and convex surfaces along the flanks. The tailgate is restyled with a chrome lower lip that adds to the overall upscale look, but also makes it easier to slide in big or heavy objects.

The interior is amazingly large for such a small car. At 1,530 litres, the length of the cabin is a full 70 per cent of the total length. The split/fold back seat has a pass-through for longer objects and the cargo floor is height adjustable.

The B-Class is available in a base B 200 with 2.0-litre, DOHC inline four-cylinder engine with 134 hp and 136 lb/ft of torque. The B 200 Turbo, with a turbocharged version of the 2.0-litre, produces 193 hp and 206 lb/ft of torque. Priced at $29,900 to start, the B 200 is fitted with a five-speed manual transmission. Starting at $34,400, the B 200 Turbo has a standard six-speed manual transmission. With all options, you can load up a B-Class to $40,000.

The B-Class' uses a "sandwich" front safety crash system that angles the engine back and down under the passenger compartment for lower leg and knee protection. The result is the highest possibly safety rating for frontal collisions, high seats and views, and deep rear passenger leg wells.

While only about 8,400 B-Class cars have been sold in Canada, worldwide sales are more than 350,000 and growing, a trend Mercedes-Benz Canada thinks will happen here.

2009 Mercedes-Benz B-Class

Type: Luxury compact hatchback
Price: $29,900-$34,400
Engine: 2.0-litre, DOHC inline four-cylinder and 2.0-litre DOHC turbocharged inline four-cylinder

Highlights

- FWD
- Turbo charge available
- Split-fold back seats

Honda signs on as Indy T.O. sponsor

INDYCAR Honda Canada announced it has signed a multi-year agreement with Andretti Green Toronto for the title sponsorship rights to the Toronto-based IndyCar Series event to be named Honda Indy Toronto.

Scheduled for July 10-12, 2009, the Honda Indy Toronto will be part of next year's 18-race IndyCar Series schedule and will also feature the Firestone Indy Lights Series as part of the weekend's diverse activities.

"Working with the Andretti Green Toronto team, we intend to make the Honda Indy Toronto a world-class event and one that Toronto can be proud of," says Jerry Chenkin, executive vice president of Honda Canada Inc.

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Heavy hitter

Aspen called the "300 of SUVs"

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for Metro Canada

Much has been happening with Chrysler in the last half year.

It is now a standup automaker with the departure of its former partner Daimler-Benz, but that doesn't seem to have had much impact on the perception of the company.

For that you can thank the made-in-Brampton Chrysler 300C and Chrysler's iconic Hemi V8.

Chrysler knows the Hemi is more than a brand name. It conjures up the vision of American power and engineering. And that includes the 2008 Aspen Limited that Chrysler calls "the 300 of SUVs."

While it shares much in common with the Dodge Durango, it is by no means the same truck with a leather and softer suspension package.

The Aspen is aimed at some pretty big game in this segment like the Chevrolet Tahoe, Honda Pilot and the Toyota Sequoia.

What Chrysler intends to do is beat them on packaging and pricing.

Canada only gets one version of the Aspen, the Limited.

Ours is what the Americans call their Limited with the optional "J Package" that includes full leather, quad captains chairs with full heating (second row 40/20/40 split/fold bench optional), backup sonar and the list goes on. About the only options are the rear seat DVD entertainment system, navigation system, skid plate and towing package.

Base price is $49,995. My tester with just about every option available including the centre row split/fold seat that turns the Aspen into an eight-seater was $56,795 and that included a $1,300 shipping fee.

While the U.S. gets two engines, including a 4.7-litre V8 that can run on a wide range of gasoline/alcohol mixtures, in Canada only the best is coming to us in the form of the legendary 5.7-litre Hemi V8 producing 335 hp and 370 lb/ft of torque.

The Hemi features Chrysler's Multi-displacement System (MDS) that lets the engine switch to four-cylinder mode when it is on cruise. When passing or launch power is needed, the engine fires on all eight-cylinders. Fuel consumption is rated at 16.4L/100 km (17 mpg) city and 11.0L/100 km (26 mpg) highway.

Also standard on the Aspen Limited is four-wheel-drive (4WD) that uses a two-speed transfer case. There are three modes that can be selected by a switch on the dash.

With the grunt of the Hemi, Chrysler is claiming best-in-class towing of 3,969 kg. The five-speed automatic transmission in tow/haul mode holds lower gears longer in order to quell the tendency for automatic to hunt for the correct cog. It also shifts itself down to a lower gear when the Aspen is towing downhill.

In addition to anti-lock braking (ABS) and pitch and yaw program (ESP), the Aspen comes standard with Trailer Sway Control that detects when something you're towing is starting to weave. It then steps along with the ESP and uses the brakes and engine retardation to gets things back on track.

With the optional 20-inch wheels on chrome-capped alloy wheels, it's a big step up and into the cabin where it is a very pleasant place to be.

Chrysler and Dodge interiors are now as remarkable as the exterior styling. As mentioned, my tester had the optional 40/20/40 split/fold second row seat.

The Aspen abounds with lots of extras like heated seats and outside mirrors that all added up to make for a pleasing ride. Just a few I noticed were: the brilliant white LED interior lighting, a power rear liftgate, and a 115 V AC inverter for things like laptops and gaming.

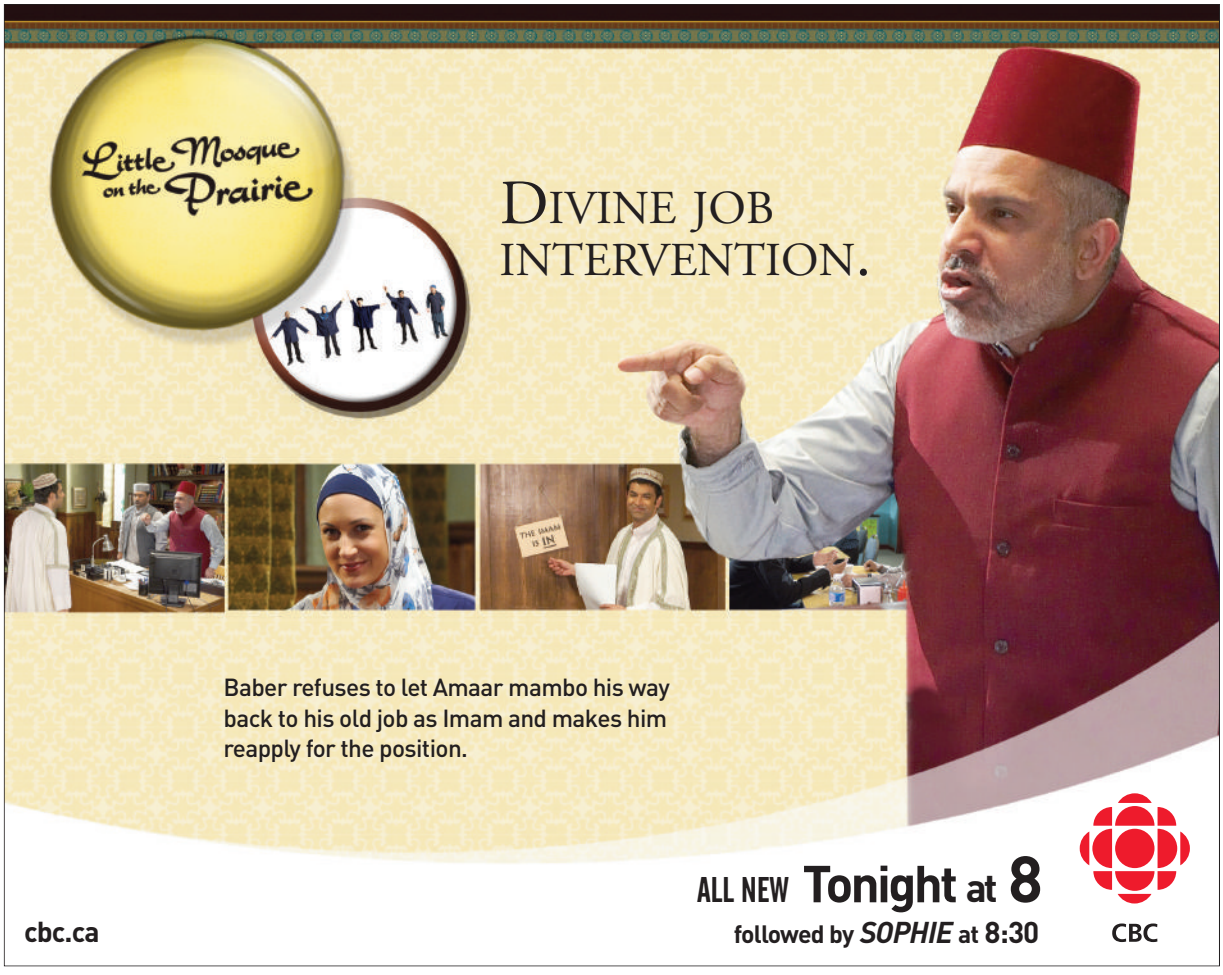
2008 Chrysler Aspen Limited

Type: SUV
Price: $49,995
Engine: 5.7-litre OHV V8
HP: 335

Highlights

- 4WD
- Seats 8
- Sturdy

The Aspen is aimed at some pretty big game in the SUV segment like the Chevrolet Tahoe, Honda Pilot and the Toyota Sequoia.



Saab Air unveiled at Paris show

More than 25 years after unveiling the first four-seater convertible to the world, Saab's design classic takes on a new form in the shape of the 9-X Air concept car.

Revealed at the Paris Motor Show on Oct. 2, the 9-X Air concept provides a tantalizing glimpse of what a future convertible from Saab could look like.

Featuring a unique Canopy Top, the 9-X Air breaks the mould of conventional convertibles by incorporating prominent rear pillars which curve upwards to mount the flat folding roof.

With the top down, motorists can enjoy open-top motoring free from buffeting, and with the top up, the 9-X Air assumes the appearance of a true coupe.

The 9-X Air and its hatchback sibling also showcase seamless, wireless connectivity (Bluetooth) with one or multiple nomadic devices (mobile phones, PDAs etc).

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Wise picks for teen drivers

Parents need to put safety first when buying cars

Parents faced with the challenge of choosing a first car for their teens should consider five tips from experts.

Designed to help protect young drivers, these suggestions focus on safety, which also helps to lower the cost of auto insurance.

New teen drivers spend countless hours dreaming of owning their first car.

A fast sports car conjures exciting images, while an SUV has ample room for all of their friends, and both vehicles have one thing in common: Neither is a good choice for teens.

Before car shopping begins, it is wise to set ground rules that may ease the polarized viewpoints shared by parents and their teens.

Fast sports cars and roomy SUVs may not be the best options when picking a vehicle for young drivers, experts suggest.

WATCH THE SPEED

Driving fast cars with turbochargers and high horsepower carries significant risk. Since car accidents are the leading cause of death among 15- to 20-year olds (one-third of those accidents are attributable to speeding) any fast car is an unwise choice.

A good choice is a vehicle with a four-cylinder engine and average horsepower, which costs less to insure and may save lives.

GROUNDED IN REALITY

When it comes to vehicles, many parents mistakenly presume that big equates to safe. The opposite is often times true for young drivers, however, as SUVs and pick-up trucks can pose significant dangers for teen drivers.

These vehicles have a high centre-of-gravity, which makes them less stable and more prone to rollover than traditional mid-sized sedans, especially for inexperienced drivers.

Pick-up trucks are two times more likely, and SUVs are three times more likely, to rollover than traditional passenger cars.

BUY 1997 OR LATER

While pre-owned cars are less expensive, older models may be more costly to insure, and they often don't have modern safety features found on newer cars.

Although many parents can't afford new or almost-new vehicles, they should focus on models manufactured in 1997 or later, the year airbags were required in all cars.

KNOW THE SCORE

Whether shopping for a new or pre-owned vehicle, always check crash-test scores.

ASK FOR A RATE QUOTE

Before you go car shopping, find out how much it will cost to insure your teen in his or her new car.

Mitsubishi team wins Maritime race

NEWFOUNDLAND Team Mitsubishi, piloted by Andrew (ACP) Comrie-Picard and co-driver Jen Horsey posted a first place driving their Lancer Evolution in the Modern division of the world-renowned Targa Newfoundland.

In the spirit of competition, Mitsubishi entered two company-supported vehicles with two drivers and two co-drivers.

Participation in the Targa Newfoundland provides a perfect opportunity for Mitsubishi to showcase these performance oriented road licensed sports sedans in a truly competitive and realistic environment.

With more than 70 competing cars, this event featured an endurance-testing course that covered 2,200 kilometres of travel through picturesque fishing villages and across coastal highways on the eastern half of Newfoundland, from St. John's north to Gander, south to the Burin Peninsula and back to St. John's.

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Top cars from Paris show

The AutoWeek editorial staff has announced its Editors' Choice Award winners for the 2008 Paris Motor Show.

For more than a decade, the editors of the weekly automotive-enthusiast magazine have scoured show floors in Detroit, Geneva, Paris, Frankfurt and Tokyo, selecting winners in four categories: Best in Show, Best Concept, Most Significant and Most Fun.

The 2008 AutoWeek Editors' Choice Award winners for the Best of Paris are:

BEST IN SHOW

Lamborghini Estoque: "While the design is somewhat contrived, the Estoque really has presence when you see it in person."

Contenders for Best of Show: Ferrari California, Saab 9-X Air, and BMW 7-series

MOST SIGNIFICANT

Honda Insight: "This hybrid car will be cheaper than the Prius, have high fuel economy and seating for five. Honda has officially returned to the game they used to own."

Contenders for Most Significant: Audi A1 Sportback, Pininfarina Bollore, Mercedes Fascination, and Volkswagen Golf

BEST CONCEPT

Peugeot RC HyMotion4: "If the French automakers were to come to the U.S., this is the car Americans would want. Here is an electric sports car we can love."

Contenders for Best Concept: Honda Insight, Mercedes Fascination, Audi A1 Sportback, and Saab 9-X Air

MOST FUN

Audi S4: "The S4 is a rocket ship that is fun and fuel efficient. It satisfies on all fronts."

Contenders for Most Fun: Fiat 500 Abarth Essesse, Ferrari California, Volkswagen Golf GTI, and Lexus IS250C

Nissan further extends Safety Shield concept

Nissan has unveiled an All-Around Collision Free prototype incorporating two all-new technologies, Side Collision Prevention (SCP) and Back-up Collision Prevention (BCP).

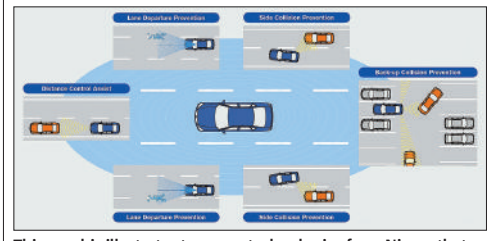
Incorporating the available Distance Control Assist (DCA) and Lane Departure Prevention (LDP) systems, this latest prototype vehicle further extends Nissan's Safety Shield concept to help protect the vehicle and its occupants from potential risks coming from multiple directions.

Side Collision Prevention: When the driver decides to change lanes, the side-mounted sensors activate a warning if an approaching vehicle is detected in the driver's intended lane. A yaw mechanism is then activated through brake control of individual wheels, to help prevent a potential collision.

Back-up Collision Prevention: During a reversing manoeuvre, rear and side-mounted sensors detect objects in the path of the vehicle. If an object is detected an alarm sounds followed by the activation of the brakes to help avoid a collision in situations such as when a vehicle is backing out of a parking space.

The DCA helps maintain an adequate following distance, while the LDP helps to prevent the vehicle from veering off its designated driving lane.

Both the DCA and LDP systems complement the SCP and BCP to create the All-Around Collision Free prototype.



This graphic illustrates two new technologies from Nissan that form an electronic safety shield around a car.

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Travel

Happy 800th

The University of Cambridge is one of the oldest in the world. In 2009 it celebrates 800 years as a seat of learning with a year-long program of events in the city, across the U.K. and around the world. Celebrations start on Jan. 17 when churches in the city will ring their bells for the anniversary year. VISITBRITAIN.COM

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Nassau: 3 days, 3 spas

Choose from an ocean-front Zen Garden, Bali-style luxury retreat or holistic spa with Bob Marley vibe

ANNE DIMON
for Metro Canada

The familiar melody of Bob Marley's best known tune, One Love, floats through a lovingly-groomed garden setting as I arrive at the Bahamas' newest resort and spa.

Opened in June, the 16-suite, oceanfront Marley Resort & Spa was once the family's vacation home, and it was the vision of Rita Marley, the late cultural icon's wife, to turn it into an upscale boutique resort complete with fine dining and an intimate spa called Natural Mystic — a name chosen from Marley's huge repertoire of songs.

The spa is small, with three treatment rooms, a wet area, outdoor lounge, locker room and a manipedi area, but it packs a big spa experience. I especially liked the couple's treatment room, with its own double bath, rain shower and private lounge, and the outdoor wet area — called Wata (the African word for "water") Passage — offering hot and cold plunge pools and semi-private Asian bath.

The vibe here is a fusion of African, Caribbean and Asian, with pretty much everything holistic and nature-inspired — including products made with natural ingredients. I had the Mocha Rum Wrap, and the therapist blended the ingredients — real Bahamian rum and all-natural local honey — right in front of me as I sat sipping a freshly-squeezed juice cocktail while more of Marley's feel-good music wafted through the air.

At the other end of the size scale, the luxurious Bali-inspired Mandara Spa at Atlantis offers 47 treatment areas at its two-level refuge from the mega resort's Vegas-meets-Disney environment. Rich dark woods, comfortable furnishing, water features and a prevailing sense of calm provide the yin to the yang of the bustling Atlantis casino.

From the spa's extensive menu of services I enjoyed the Lime and Ginger Body Scrub which turned out to be more of an impressively-administered full body treatment than a mere scrub.

For those looking for something extra special at Mandara, I'd recommend the Villa Bathing Rituals offered in a beautiful spa suite built for two, or the combination day packages with captivating names such as Cleito's Tropical Tryst and Poseidon's Awakening.

Somewhere in between the intimate and the grand is Red Lane Spa, the spa brand for Sandals Resorts. Shortly after settling into my butler-attended suite at the Sandals Royal Bahamian Spa Resort, I boarded the luxury resort's ferry to Sandals Key, a private island a mere three-minute cruise from the pier.

This is where guests will find Red Spa's Zen Garden, one of three spas at this "luxury included" resort.

A collection of thatched huts serve as treatment rooms and relaxation areas, and the Zen Garden hugs one end of this tiny island. Away from the pool and dining area, it's a quiet space nothing more than the sound of the Atlantic Ocean massaging the island's sandy shores.

The Zen Garden offers a limited menu — one outdoor shower, four thatched treatment huts, and a Zen-like lounge — but despite its tiny size, it offers a special experience and is a perfect complement to the main resort spa.

Anne Dimon is a spa and wellness travel writer. Visit traveltowellness.com.

SANDALS RESORTS

ANNE DIMON/FOR METRO CANADA

Left, Red Lane Spa's Zen Garden is on an island that's a three-minute boat ride away from the Sandals Royal Bahamian. Right, the Wata Passage at Marley Resort & Spa.

On the web

- *bahamas.com*
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Ranking ski resorts

Outside magazine's list of the 15 best ski-and-snowboard destinations in North America, a ranking that's based on snow quality and terrain, is led by Utah with Alta and Snowbird in first place, followed by Whistler Blackcomb, B.C., and Vail, Colo. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canada's 'Booktown'

Stroll down Beacon Street, the main drag in Sidney, B.C., and you'll soon realize this quaint Vancouver Island town is chock-a-block with bookstores — 11 within a five-block area, with No. 12 due to open next month.

Just a half-hour's drive north of Victoria and home to the area's international airport and terminals for both B.C. Ferries and Washington State Ferries, Sidney-by-the-Sea — as the local chamber of commerce is fond of calling it — is also recognized as Canada's "Booktown."

From paperbacks to cookbooks, new volumes to rare and used, children's books to mysteries, science fiction to historical novels - thousands upon thousands of titles can be found in this town of about 11,000 residents.

And it's thanks in large part to the nearly tireless efforts over the last 14 years of a book-loving couple, Clive and Christine Tanner, who took the booktown concept and ran with it. They have owned several stores in Sidney, both outright and in partnership, and currently operate two shops specializing in used books.

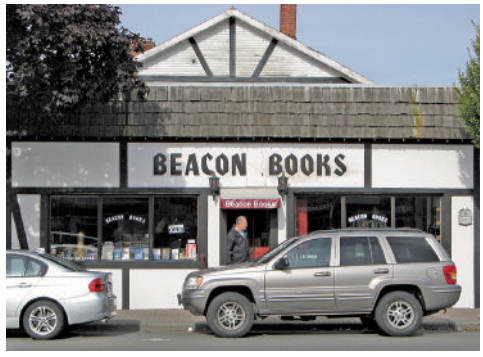
"It wasn't our idea," says the U.K.-born Clive, 74, a one-time B.C. Liberal provincial politician.

He says it was his Canadian-born wife's fondness for visiting Britain that resulted in their discovery of the original Booktown in Hay-on-Wye, a village that straddles the border between Wales and England.

An eccentric by the name of Richard Booth, often called the "King of Hay," turned the once-sleepy backwater of 1,100 people into a home to roughly 40 bookshops and the largest annual literary festival in the English-speaking world.

The Tanners have met Booth on several occasions.

"He's as nutty as a fruitcake, quite honestly," says Clive, who some might consider a wee bit "out-of-round" himself.



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The Beacon Books storefront in Sidney, B.C.

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Christine and Clive Tanner pose for a photo in the stacks at Beacon Books in Sidney, B.C.

On the web

- *sidneybooktown.ca*

> **"Some tell us they just come for the smell that only bookshops seem to be able to provide."**
> Chris McNeil-Smith

"But the idea he had was that more bookstores invite more people. We thought it was a hell of a good idea."

Many visitors belatedly discover Sidney while visiting nearby Victoria, often complaining they became aware of the multitude of bookshops at the end of their stay, not the beginning.

In addition to the second-hand stores in the area, there is also Tanner's Books, a large full-service store with new releases and bestsellers. It also boasts the largest newsstand on Vancouver Island, with more than 2,000 magazines and 40 newspapers from Canada, the U.S. and the U.K.

Owner Chris McNeil-Smith discovered an early version of the Sidney Booktown website and made a beeline for Sidney. He has never looked back. Last year, he sold more than 30,000 titles out of his main store and thousands more out of his bargain shop.

"Sidney has become a destination for bookies," he says. "Some tell us they just come for the smell that only bookshops seem to be able to provide."

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Bernini's sculptures on display

ART Fifty works of "the utmost rarity" will be displayed at the National Gallery of Canada in its exhibition Bernini and the Birth of Baroque Portrait Sculpture, the gallery says.

This is the first-ever comprehensive exhibition of portrait busts by Gian Lorenzo Bernini, one of the greatest sculptors in history, the gallery says.

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Quiz matches destinations with people's personalities

CANADA Are you a no-hassle traveller or a cultural history buff, a free spirit or a personal history explorer?

A quiz developed by the Canadian Tourism Commission aims to match people with travel experiences that suit their personality.

The 25-question online quiz determines an individual's EQ, or "Explorer Quotient."

The commission hopes the quiz will lead some Canadians to visit parts of the country they hadn't considered before, said Eugene Thomlinson, the CTC's senior market analyst.

> **"What the (quiz) is partially (intended) to do is to get people to go, 'OK, you know, you might come (to Canada) for the nature ... but there's a whole lot more for you to see and do."**
> Eugene Thomlinson

Another goal is to get international travellers "to look at Canada in a slightly different way," he said.

"We've had this issue for several years — that 'same old, same old,'" said Thomlinson. "You know ... 'If I go to Canada, what am I gonna do? Will I get bored after that first five minutes of experiencing the incredible nature?'

"What the EQ is partially (intended) to do is to get people to go, 'OK, you know, you might come here for the nature ... but there's a whole lot more for you to see and do."

The quiz, still in a pilot phase, has about 100 destinations loaded on the website. The plan is to eventually have a diverse range of over 300 experiences, said Thomlinson.

To take the quiz, visit http://eq.canada.travel.

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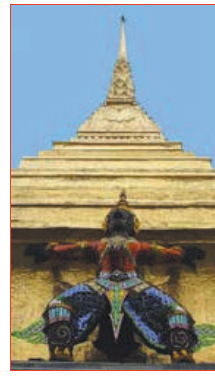

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Stockholm syndrome

The Swedish capital has transformed itself from large small town to sophisticated seaside city

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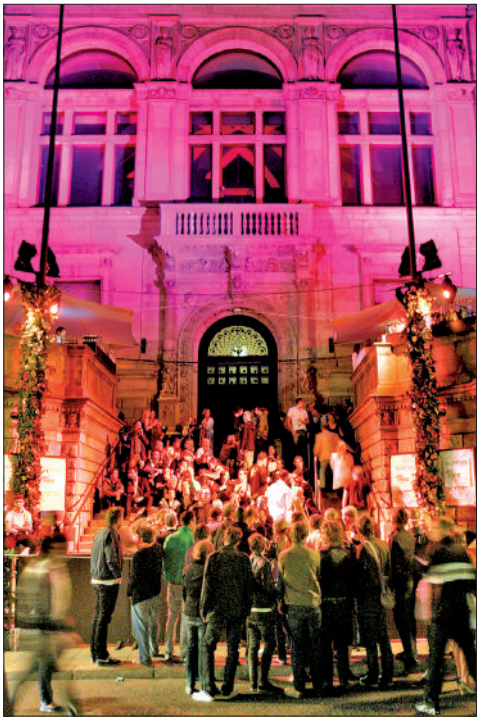

Stockholm is a fusion of the old, where tourists can pose wearing viking helmets in the capital's Gamla Stan quarter, left, and the new, including a trendy nightlife featuring outdoor clubs like the popular F 12.

Surrounded by water, with pleasing architecture and picturesque parks, Stockholm is pretty, clean and safe. Stockholm has transformed the past ten years from a large small town to a small big city with a vibrant music scene, great art galleries, design, shopping and food.

Enjoy its snowy charm in winter, or come May join the sun-starved Stockholmers crowding outdoor cafés after months in hibernation. In June the sun doesn't set until midnight, and rises again at 2 a.m.

Where to stay

Budget

STF Hostel af Chapman & Skeppsholmen: Unique budget accommodation on board the fully-rigged ship af Chapman — built in 1888, and one of the city's most prominent landmarks. Flaggmansvägen 8. www.stfchapman.com.

Mid-range

Hotel Rival: A boutique hotel owned by Abba legend Benny Andersson. Located in trendy Södermalm, it has a popular cocktail bar and its own cinema. Mariatorget 3. rival.se.

Delux

Grand Hôtel: The classic luxury hotel in Stockholm. It has a top location on the quay opposite the Royal Castle where you can catch boats to the archipelago. A five-star favourite with jet-setters and pop stars. Södra Blasieholmshamnen 8. grandhotel.se.

What to see

Wasa Museum: The greatest embarrassment of 1628 now attracts one million admirers every year. The warship Vasa sank on her maiden voyage on August 10, 1628, and wasn't salvaged until 1956. The brackish water had kept her almost intact. Exhibitions about life onboard add to the magic of Wasa.

Skansen: The outdoor museum was founded in 1891 and is Sweden distilled, with little red wood cottages, handicraft, historical workshops, as well as elks, wolves, bears and other native animals. The aquarium has many exotic animals.

Kulturhuset: A huge cultural centre in the city centre, with great exhibitions, excellent comic shop, a library, nice restaurants with reasonable prices and a lovely roof terrace that hosts clubs at night in summer.

Gamla Stan: The Old Town is both a tourist trap and a must. The medieval quarters are remarkably well preserved — but don't stay on the crowded shopping streets. Just a few blocks from the bustling commerce of Västerlånggatan you'll get a genuine feel of medieval Stockholm, cobbled streets and all.

Södermalm: Södermalm, especially the SoFo area (south of Folkungagatan) ,is the boho-chic part of town with fun shopping and vibrant nightlife. Some of the best restaurants are here, but also the best walks with stunning views over the city and water.

Nature: Stockholm is built on 14 islands. To the west is Lake Mälaren, and to the east an archipelago with more than 24,000 islands. Cruising past the inner city to the islands Finnhamn or Grinda for a day's swimming and sunbathing is a grand day out. But you need not leave the city to go for a swim, as the water is quite clean and there are beaches and cliffs to dive in from in central Stockholm. The most popular place for nightly post-party swims is next to the city hall.

How to get there

- Arlanda is the main airport, north of Stockholm. Most major airlines fly there. An Arlanda Express train transports visitors to Stockholm in 25 minutes.

Where to shop

Food: Typical Swedish food is salted or smoked salmon and pickled herring. You can find them in all grocery stores, or for quality products visit indoor food markets Östermalmshallen, Söderhallarna and Hötorgshallen.

Clothes: Visit SoFo, South of Folkungagatan for trendy unique boutiques and lovely cafés (sofo.se). A cool shopping mall on Södermalm is Bruno, on Götgatan 36, with stores including Filippa K, We, Whyred, Munthe Plus Simonsen, Way and Stuk. At Drottninggatan 53 you'll find the Souk shopping mall, housing 26 brands including Topshop, Beyond Retro and Monki. On Hamngatan 18–20 lies NK, Nordiska Kompaniet, a classic department that opened in 1902 with six storeys of designer goods.

Music: At Södermalm you'll find Pet Sounds Records, Skånegatan 53 (petsounds.se) and Fade Records at Skånegatan 28. There are many good record stores on St Eriksgatan in Vasastan.

Souvenirs: Viking helmets and soft toy elks are classics — you can find them in tourist shops all over town. Swedish crystal and glass are high quality and good value.

Markets: Hornsbergsstrand is the market in Stockholm for new design and clothes. Open on Saturdays.

Where to eat

Traditional

Blå Porten: A great place for homemade traditional dishes, soup and pastries, with a lovely outside terrace in the summer and an arty crowd. Djurgårdsvägen 60. blaporten.com.

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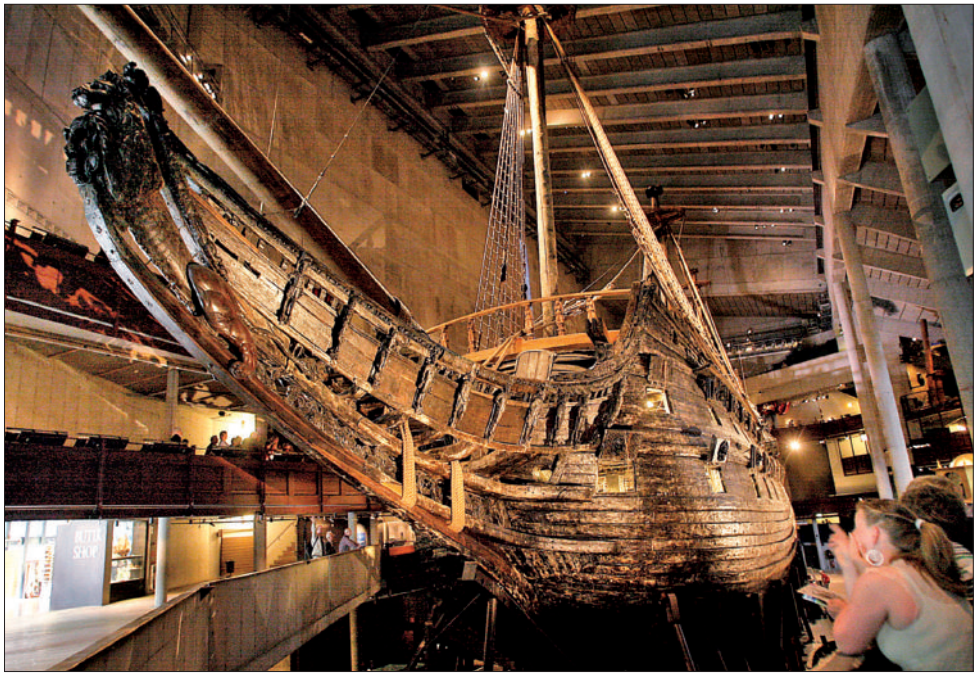
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The Wasa Museum features a warship which sank on her maiden voyage in 1628 and was reclaimed from the sea in 1956.

URBAN BRÄDHE

HENRY LUNDHOLM

Stockholm's old town, Gamla Stan, is well preserved but very popular with visitors to the Swedish capital.

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Trendy
Grill: Celebrity chef Melker Andersson's most popular venture — his restaurant Fredsgatan 12 is Michelin-starred. Grill has gourmet food, all courses includes something grilled. The décor is very cool — the dining room is divided into nine areas — including a hunting lodge. Drottninggatan 89. grill.se.

Top notch
Lux: A chic, minimalist restaurant in a converted factory on the island Lilla Essingen with fine dining at night and bistro prices in the day. Awarded one star in the Michelin Guide Rouge, Lux offers the best of Swedish cuisine. Dinner includes succulent lobster, Pike-perch and eel tureen and Garlic fried lamb from the Stockholm archipelago. Primusgatan 116. luxstockholm.com.

Where to drink:
Gondolen: The best cocktails in town and the best views at the top of the lift that connects the quay to the high-up Mosebacke district. Order a Hemingway or Manhattan and drink in the beauty of Stockholm on water from high above. Stadsgården 6. eriks.se.

Indigo Bar/Bistro: Very popular and colourful bar on one of the liveliest street of Södermalm. People of all ages and styles mix here, and it has a friendly atmosphere. Götgatan 19.

Inferno: Famous and awarded for its excellent drinks and popular both among the after work and pre-clubbing crowds. Named after one of Swedish playwright August Strindberg's books. The author lived next door to the night club a century ago. Drottninggatan 85.

Stockholm insider

"Because there are so many awesome Swedish producers and DJs, people assume that we have a huge club scene in Stockholm. But it is quite small and the range of clubs isn't so great if you are into house, electro and techno. But the scene is growing. I would recommend Berns, at Berzelii Park — they have many great bookings and different areas depending what kind of mood you're in and electronic music you are looking for, I especially recommend Berns 2:35:1, a nice small club with interesting bookings.
"Clubbers should try to get hold of a small magazine called People Sthlm. Otherwise they can check the Internet, for example, kalendarium.se."

SANNA LA FLEUR ENGDAHL, 28, PERFORMS IN CLUBS ALL OVER THE WORLD AS DJ LA FLEUR.

Where to go clubbing
Debaser: Lively rock club with dancefloor that hosts interesting new bands almost every night — Pete Doherty, Bob Dylan, The Strokes, The Soundtrack of our Lives and Arcade Fire have played recently. Nice outdoor terrace in the summer. Very central location. Karl Johans torg 1. debaser.nu.

Mosebacke Etablissement: Established entertainment venue with several great clubs, including Raw Fusion (rawfusionrec.com). The outdoor terrace has a stunning view and is open from 11 until 1am. Mosebacke torg 3. mosebacke.se.

F 12: The trendiest outdoor club in summer on the impressive stone stairs next to luxury restaurant Fredsgatan 12. Expensive, fun and popular with a cool crowd sipping cocktails. f12.se/terrassen/index1600.html.

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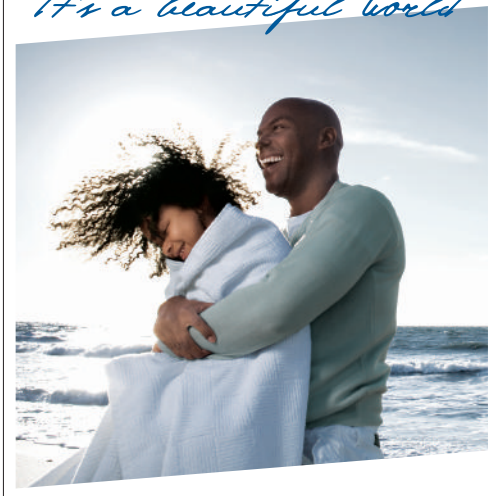
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Tall order
With its world's tallest building nearing completion, Dubai has said it is embarking on an even more ambitious skyscraper: one that will soar the length of more than 10 football fields. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

A Bath with a view

Two hours from bustling London, historic Bath feels like a step back in time

EMMA E. FORREST
Metro World News

It might be just two hours outside London, but you'll be transported back to the 18th century in the immaculately-preserved spa town of Bath.

This UNESCO World Heritage Site looks just like the set of a period movie — which is probably why it has served as the backdrop for several major films including The Other Boleyn Girl and The Duchess.

You won't see fluorescent shop signs here because there are strict regulations on how the town's splendid historical buildings should look. Likewise, you won't find an industrial park on the edge of town — Bath is surrounded by a bowl of protected woodland and parkland.

Instead you'll discover an elegant but laid-back town full of stunning neoclassical architecture, interesting museums, unique boutiques and pretty tea rooms.

Bath was founded by the Romans as a thermal spa, and it was in the 18th century, under King George III, that the stunning Palladian buildings blossomed around the centre. The Roman spa is still at the heart of the town, and while you can take a tour of the site, you can't actually bath in it (romanbaths.co.uk).

However, you can benefit from the spa's mix of 43 minerals since you can drink the therapeutic water at the Pump Rooms next door. It's a genteel tea room complete with live cello, violin and piano music from the Pump Room Trio, the house band.

Enjoy the atmosphere with a restorative cup of Earl Grey, and make your way up the cake stand, where you will find finger sandwiches, scones with jam and clotted cream, and a selection of homemade cakes.

If you're looking for a more rustic snack, visit Sally Lunn's, a cramped tea room in the oldest house in town where giant Bath buns are served (sallylunns.co.uk).

Bath's healing waters have now been channelled into a state of the art four-storey spa, complete with whirlpools, steam rooms, treatment rooms and even a heated open air rooftop pool where you can soak up the minerals while looking over the steeple of the city's famous Abbey (bathabbey.org).

There's even a separate thermal bathhouse, The Cross Bath — fed by its own natural hot spring — that can be hired for exclusive use (thermaebathspa.com).

For more culture, you can learn about the city's most famous author, Jane Austen, at a museum dedicated to her, or attend the annual Jane Austen week festival. Alternatively, catch a show at the stunning Georgian Theatre Royal, one of the city's most romantic venues, opulent decorated with ornate plasterwork, red velvet, gilt furnishings and chandeliers (theatreroyal.org.uk).

The architectural pièce de résistance, however, is the Royal Crescent — a unique semi circle of elegant Georgian townhouses overlooking a garden. Stay at the luxurious hotel located at No. 16, or take a look at 18th century life at house No. 1, where the interiors are laid out as they would have been more than 200 years ago.

If you're on a romantic getaway, take a breath of fresh air in the Royal Victoria Park, a large landscaped park opened in 1830. There you can stroll down the promenades and visit the botanical gardens with its collection of exotic plants.

It is also the route to the most romantic hotel in town, The Bath Priory. This country house hotel offers luxurious rooms and cosy drawing rooms for you to languish in.

This should be your final destination after spending the day looking at the sights of this aesthetically-pleasing city. You can reward yourself with an aperitif on the terrace overlooking the hotel's award-winning landscaped gardens, and follow it with a meal at the only Michelin-starred restaurant in the county (thebathpriory.co.uk).

You can't ask for more romantic than that.

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Mysterious destinations
Travel website IgoUgo has compiled a list of 10 mysterious destinations, including Old Melbourne Gaol in Australia, an infamous jail with exhibit that includes a collection of death masks and hanging beams. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Culinary heaven for the globe-trotting gourmet

It may look like a modern barn sale, but this store is a chef's delight

Walking into E. Dehillerin can trigger sensory overload in foodies. The walls are lined with copper pots. Cast-iron cookware from Le Creuset and Staub dot basement shelves. Hard-to-find copper mouldings and porcelain are in abundance. Pots and crepe pans from minuscule to monstrous are stacked floor to ceiling.

It is like stepping into the world's greatest and oldest French kitchen, one that has served as an indispensable resource for chefs and globe-trotting gourmets since it opened in 1820 at the centre of this gastronomically rich city.

But E. Dehillerin is no Williams-Sonoma. Don't expect some Martha Stewart experience. This cavernous kitchen supply store is dusty and looks more barn sale than Sur la Table. And the salespeople do not fawn over customers.

"It's practical," says Eric Dehillerin, a fifth-generation member of this Parisian family that runs the famous store. "When clients enter here they are surrounded by what they see. The equipment is all around. They can see it, hold it, look at it. It's living. It has history." And it isn't cheap. "What's important is the range," says Dehillerin. "The diversity is essential."

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Walking into E. Dehillerin, a restaurant supply store in Paris, can trigger sensory overload in visiting chefs and gourmets.

The store was founded by Eugene Dehillerin near the famous Les Halles market. In 1880, it moved to its current location, an attractive building in the 1st arrondissement.

For decades, the store fabricated its own inventory using copper and iron. After the Second World War, it focused solely on retail rather than production, Dehillerin says. The store, which also does considerable online business, works with French manufacturers to produce top-notch equipment that caters to French cooking.

"There's a lot of mystique around the store and the brand," says French-born Eric Ripert, the famed chef at New York's Le Bernardin restaurant. "It has this kind of aura. It's like a secret, but everybody knows about it. You basically find everything you need and everything you don't need."

Ripert remembers visiting the shop when he lived in Paris during the 1980s, before he'd made it big.

"I was going there mostly to look," Ripert says. "It was like fantasy for me. At the time I couldn't afford much. When I needed something of quality, I was going there. They had a reputation to be amazing but expensive."

When Ripert returns to Paris, he still likes to pop into E. Dehillerin. But times have changed. He's no longer a poor cook. He doesn't have to dream about what he would like to buy for his kitchen.

"Those are dangerous stores. You go to buy a knife, you end up with a pasta machine."

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On the web
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Bringing home an unwelcome souvenir

The Bot Fly is one tropical oddity that grows on you

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If you're squeamish, stop reading! This is a disgusting travel tale that reads more like a sci-fi flick than it does a real life occurrence. It's graphic, it's gross and worst of all, it happened to me.

Two weeks ago, I was in the western part of Belize taking part in a jungle survival course for a story. As I hacked my machete through dense, spiky vines, my guide listed potential dangers lurking behind every tree: venomous Fer-De-Lance snakes, carnivorous jaguars, hot-tempered fire ants and the little-known Bot Fly.

Found in Central America, a Bot Fly looks much like a house fly, only bigger and hairier. It breeds by attaching its eggs to a mosquito. When the mosquito bites its victim (be it a dog, rabbit or travel writer) the Bot Fly larvae burrows into the host's skin. During a gestation period of up to six weeks, the Bot Fly grows from a microscopic larvae into a plump, white worm.

Fly maggots living under the skin? Yuck.

Since I'd worn long pants, dressed in light-coloured clothing and doused myself in DEET like it was Dior, I figured I was protected. Unfortunately, I left the jungle covered in itchy red mosquito bites and lingering questions.

My paranoia grew, as did a mysterious red pimple on my butt. The spot increased in size and hardened into a round callous. Along with the occasional outburst of pus, there was a stinging sensation in my wound, as if someone was sticking a needle into me from the inside. People thought I was crazy, but I was convinced — I had Bot Fly.

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A view over a lush tract of rainforest in Belize. Improbably, Metro columnist Julia Dimon managed to pick up a Bot Fly larvae while hiking in the jungle in western Belize.

"Though Mom doesn't have medical expertise, she is good at tweezing her eyebrows, so we sterilized her pluckers and prepared for surgery."

Though I joked publicly about being pregnant with my very own baby Bot Fly, privately I worried that an alien species had taken over my body. Hours of Internet research taught me that this parasite doesn't cause significant health problems or carry disease. It's the thought of it that's abhorrent.

Bot Fly larva can be killed by removing its air supply, so I covered my wound with air-tight duct tape and waited overnight.

Eight hours later, I ripped the tape off with the enthusiasm of a child on Christmas morning. Straining to see the hard-to-reach spot, I discovered no evidence of a jungle worm. Bummer.

Frustration set in. It became clear I needed medical attention. Having never heard of (or treated) Bot Fly, my Canadian doctor concluded it was just an infected mosquito bite. She wrote me a prescription and told me to apply the cream three times daily.

The discouraging diagnosis led this skeptical patient to Dr. Mom. A travel writer herself, Mom is familiar with tropical oddities. Though she doesn't have medical expertise, she is good at tweezing her eyebrows, so we sterilized her pluckers, grabbed some cotton swabs and prepared for surgery.

"I see something white," she said, looking at the wound. "Is it pus?" I stammered. "What is it?"

Silent concentration. A little gasp from Mom. I looked up and found she had extracted a little white worm pinched between the metal prongs. The larvae was the size of a fingernail, a spiral of black hairs along his body. We stared astounded.

My stomach went queasy. It felt a combination of relief, disgust and I-told-you-so bravado. Sick! I had just delivered my very own Bot Fly, a most unusual souvenir.

Julia Dimon is co-host of Word Travels, airing on OLN; juliadimon.com.

Apple Inc. demands B.C. computer school remove apple logo

In August, Apple Inc. sent a threatening legal letter to the Victoria School of Business and Technology urging it to stop using an apple as its logo. The school's website displays both logos side-by-side and polls visitors about whether Apple has a point. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Outside The Box

Hip-hop artist offers free music class for youth

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When mom works two jobs and dad is never around, what's a kid to do? This was the question hip-hop artist Sway faced as a child growing up in Toronto's Malvern suburb. But, when he picked up a guitar, he says it completely changed his life. Now, he's hoping to help inspire kids do the same, keeping them off the street and filling a void left by music classes in schools.

"If I can get a kid off the street for an hour or two a week, at least it's an hour when they're going to be putting their mind to something productive," he says.

Inspired by how music has affected him and by hearing about cuts to practical music teaching at the Oakville school of a friend's daughter, Sway created Outside The Box. Fuelled entirely by donation from music companies and musicians, the program offers children aged 7 to 13 a free eight-week music course they might otherwise not be able to afford.

"There's nothing worse than a child who has creative potential and the only thing stopping them is money and opportunity," says Sway.

He maintains music can give kids that opportunity, building community while simultaneously developing individual finesse in other artistic realms. "For kids, it's a creative outlet for them to discover what their motor skills are like. It starts with music, but some people get into visual arts or photography."

Brent Bain, lead singer and guitarist for folk fusion band Bent Brain, agrees that music lays the framework for other learning.

"From the perspective of music, there are basic fundamentals I think offer themselves to applications in math, problem solving and understanding linear processes, especially when you're teaching something like piano," says Bain.

He is one of the teachers for Outside The Box who says he hopes to engage students with the concept of art and culture as something they should create instead of just react to.

"When it comes down to it, it's what these children consider art to be that's going to be Canada's future. I want to make it more available for children to be creative thinkers because people have to be prepared to diversify in their lives."

Outside The Box offers a diversity of skills for young performers. Using Feist song 1234, students will learn rudimentary chords and scales, songwriting and performance and have their work compiled on a CD they can take home upon the course's end.

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Contracts signed after a court case, called releases, can't be cut up so easily. If you signed a release, you'll likely not be able to pursue further action.

Signed releases seldom set aside

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"Fair or not, when an employee signs a release, he or she must assume they will be later bound by it."

It's a normal part of a settlement in any legal claim: A release. Tying together loose ends, a release is a document that prevents any further legal action. In the workplace, it's usually provided after an employee is dismissed and has agreed to accept a termination or severance package.

But what happens when an employee who signs a release later argues that he or she is not bound by what it says?

Analyst Danijela Bjelakovic learned the hard way. Her recent case is a cautionary tale that reveals the fate of employees who are too quick to sign their names.

Bjelakovic worked for Accenture Inc. for approximately two years.

Because she accused Accenture of having dismissed her on the basis of her national origin and accented English, and then threatened to take legal action, the company offered to improve her severance package to an amount greater than what the terms of her employment contract limited her to.

After seeking her lawyer's advice, Bjelakovic agreed to 3.5-months' salary in lieu of notice, and she signed a release agreeing not to take further legal action.

But, six years later, Bjelakovic sued Accenture Inc., arguing that she was coerced into accepting the settlement package and that her settlement was unfair.

She claimed she was suffering from a severe mental illness at the time of her dismissal, which, she argued, Accenture ought to have known.

Recently, at a preliminary hearing, the Court disagreed. It found Bjelakovic was not subject to coercion because she sought legal advice before signing the release and that she had taken no steps to void the settlement until she began this action six years later. This left the impression that Bjelakovic sought the advice she was looking for and then signed off on the deal.

Despite Bjelakovic's claim that she was suffering from a severe mental illness at the time of her dismissal, the judge found that the evidence she was presented was simply not strong enough to support overturning the signed release.

Moreover, Bjelakovic also had the necessary know-how to obtain gainful employment following her dismissal, undermining her claim that she was not in the right state of mind when she accepted the settlement and signed the release.

Having determined that the settlement between Bjelakovic and Accenture provided a greater benefit than what she normally would have been entitled to under her employment contract, and given that Bjelakovic sought legal advice in advance of accepting the settlement and signing the release, the court held that the settlement and release were not unfair.

Fair or not, when an employee signs a release, he or she must assume they will be later bound by it.

Only in extraordinary circumstances will a court agree that the document was signed under duress or that the terms are so grossly unfair that it ought to be overturned.

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FNUC receives $2M 'bailout' from Saskatchewan

The Saskatchewan government and the First Nations University of Canada signed an agreement that allocates up to $1.6 million in provincial funding for the university recently. An additional $400,000 will fund a strategic and operational review to support FNUC's long-term sustainability. METRO NEWS SERVICES

ADVERTISING FEATURE

Worldly experience at the top

When international student Tahir Khan landed in Toronto from his native Guyana in 2004, he braced himself for the culture shock that never materialized.

"I immediately felt at home, even when I was meeting people from India and Latin countries. The cultures and the food are similar," he explains. Toronto has a large Guyanese community — a fact that surprised even Khan.

Growing up in the country's capital of Georgetown, Khan had the usual boyhood dreams of becoming an astronaut and police officer, but as he matured he began planning for a career in business and computers.

Khan had attended Queen's College, the country's top-ranked public high school. Only 120 students nationwide get to join the school each year, an invitation that was extended to Khan.

He thrived there and made a name for himself as an accomplished sprinter. But when it came time to pick a university, Khan was concerned about his options.

"Guyana is very good for education up to high school, but there's only one university in the entire country," says Khan. "Besides, there are too many distractions in Guyana. That's why I decided to go elsewhere for college."

He chose to enrol at Toronto's Centennial College because it was both close to his uncle's Scarborough home and because it offered Business Information Systems, a unique combination of his two favourite topics: business and computers.

The two-year program provides a general business foundation and some computer systems analysis, design and programming skills. The hands-on learning environment aided his comprehension of complex concepts.

Khan noticed that the Centennial College Student Association Inc. (CCSAI) sponsored a lot of events on campus, which prompted him to get involved in student government.

"In my second semester I got nominated for the position of School of Business representative, then ran my campaign — and won!"

The Director of Social Programming position became vacant the following year. He surprised himself by winning that, too, and was soon organizing all kinds of campus events to get students involved and socializing.

Khan graduated in 2006 — and immediately enrolled in Centennial's three-year Business Administration program to build his business skills further.

It was during his second stint at Centennial that Khan was nominated for student president and, having been around long enough to become a familiar face, he was elected in a landslide victory last spring.

The president's position pays a salary, so the year counts as work — which he's entitled to as an international student. Khan aims to raise the profile of the CCSAI, as well as advocate for students.

"Not a lot of students are aware of what their association does for them; things like our health plan (100-per-cent coverage of prescription drugs), free legal advice and discounted Metropass.

"You are expected to be a leader for students," says Khan. "The stuff you learn in the classroom is reinforced by what you learn and do in student government."

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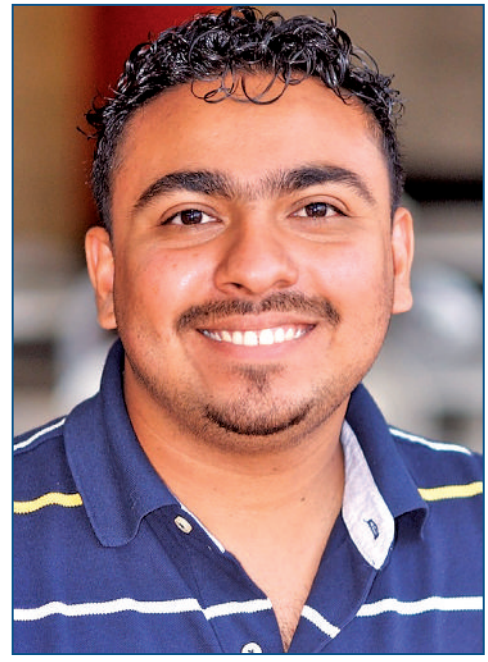

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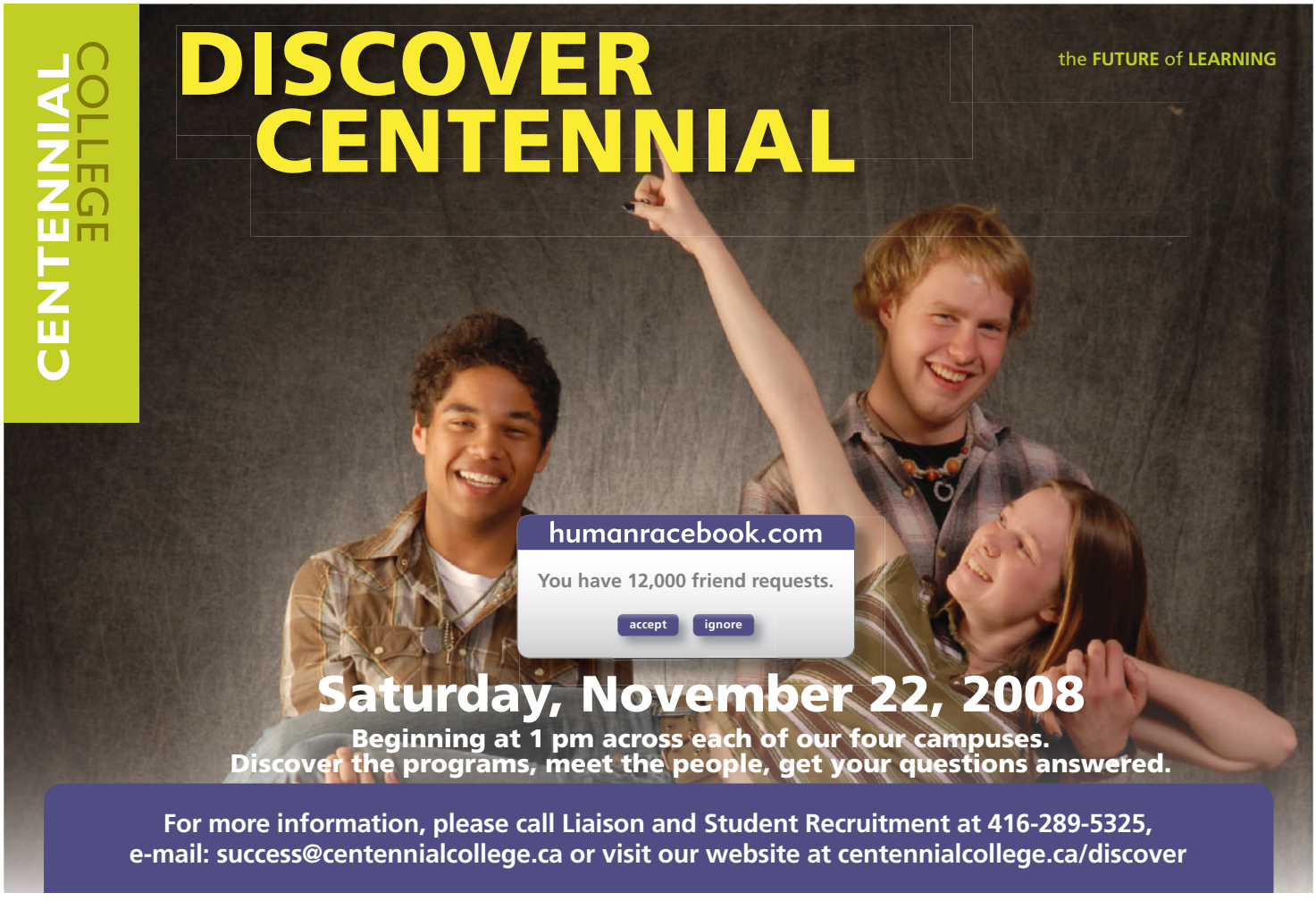

Hamilton education centre in limbo

The deadline has passed without a formal agreement on how the Family Health and Education Centre will be funded in Hamilton, but the parties involved in the project say a deal is still likely. The City of Hamilton, the local public school board, and McMaster plan to build a shared facility. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Worker stress high in small business

Robert Fellman can see it on his employees' faces: The fear, stress and discomfort that come from a difficult, even scary economic climate.

"There's panic in their eyes," said Fellman, director of PC Professor, a computer training company with offices in Boca Raton and West Palm Beach, Fla.

He also hears it when they try to reassure him that they'll do whatever it takes to keep their jobs: "If there's anything you need done, I'll accept the criticism, just let me know," is what he hears from staffers.

Workers in the U.S. are living through an extremely stressful time, between falling home values, rising food and energy costs and worries about job security. On top of all that, many people are aware of the crisis that has enveloped the financial system, and those with savings in the stock market are seeing their retirement nest eggs shrink.

Like Fellman's employees, many workers bring their stress into the small businesses where they work. His staffers are mainly uneasy, but at other companies, the symptoms may be more disruptive: Angry outbursts, frequent absences, a loss of productivity — problems that business owners have to deal with.

How they handle a situation depends on the source of the stress. If, like Fellman's staff, it grows out of job insecurity, human resources professionals recommend a boss be up-front about what's going on with the company, let them know what the challenges are and what needs to be done about them.

There are two important reasons for this approach. One, a lack of information breeds even more stress. Second, if employees know what the company needs to do to succeed, they can help make it happen.

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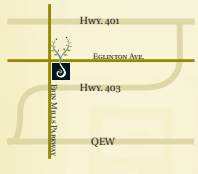

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Veronica Mars creator getting Down

Veronica Mars creator Rob Thomas will soon be whetting TV appetites weekly with his new comedy, Party Down. The program, to be produced for Starz Media, will focus on six Hollywood wannabes who work together at a catering company. TVGUIDE.COM

Entertainment

Miley's story

Singer/actress Miley Cyrus has finished writing a book about her life at the age of 15. The star was reportedly paid a seven-figure sum to tell her "inspiring story." BBC NEWS ONLINE

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Garth thrilled that Priestley's directing

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90210 Jennie Garth is thrilled her original Beverly Hills, 90210 co-star Jason Priestley will be directing an upcoming episode of the spinoff 90210, usmagazine.com reports.

"I'm happy that he's there. Jason directed a couple of episodes of the original show and he was great," she told Usmagazine.com. "He's a hoot, so it'll be fun!"

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In brief

MUSIC Rolling Stone magazine is shrinking with the times. After more than four decades of standing out with a larger format than other magazines, it will step back and look like everyone else starting with the Oct. 30 issue, due out this week. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Passchendaele's big coup

Tiny budgets restrict filmmakers from telling Canadian war stories

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Canada produces a fraction of the films that come out of Hollywood, a number that dwindles into insignificance when you count other moviemaking giants such as India and China.

Tiny budgets have ensured that genres such as epics and adventure films are nonexistent, so it's not surprising that we've only produced two war films in 25 years, the newest of which — Paul Gross's Passchendaele — is being released this Friday.

Like its predecessor, Robin Phillips's The Wars, it's set during the First World War, and the pair may constitute the whole of the country's catalogue of fictional war films.

Paul Gross's First World War film Passchendaele opens in theatres Friday.

The fact isn't surprising — movie production in this country is as much a bureaucratic as a cultural undertaking, and the 1914 to 1918 war looms large in our cherished national myths thanks to historians such as C. P. Stacey, who called it the most important event in Canadian history, and Desmond Morton and J. L. Granatstein, who dubbed it our war of independence.

The mere existence of a film like Passchendaele is a contribution to that long-standing project of buffing up our history — with an educational component ready to be sent into the schools, you can look at it as a belated update to the memorials and cenotaphs that went up in the centre of practically every city, town and village in the country in the years after the Armistice.

With such little practice, however, it's not surprising that Passchendaele is more familiar than groundbreaking.

The brutal truth is that most films about the First World War still play out like remakes of Lewis Milestone's Oscar-winning All Quiet On the Western Front, made in 1930 at the dawn of talkies.

Much as the war left an indelible mark on Canada, it established its imagery worldwide with nightmarish vividness early on, and every First World War movie ends up recreating the scenes that Milestone filmed when the generation that witnessed it in person hadn't even reached middle age — the endless trenches bracketing a deadly sea of mud and barbed wire, filled with the bodies, living and dead, of men who had learned firsthand about the absurdity of politics and the futility of life, a cultural mood that would still be a vital force well past the point when the next world war began.

Structurally, though, Gross's film is a very different creature, misleadingly titled, since scenes set in battle only bookend the melodramatic story of a soldier and a nurse well behind the lines — in Calgary, in fact.

In this light, Passchendaele is more like the 1957 adaptation of A Farewell to Arms, starring Rock Hudson and Jennifer Jones, or D-Day the Sixth of June, a 1956 film that takes place mostly in a flashback on the eve of the pivotal Second World War battle, and concerns itself mostly with a love triangle between two soldiers and an Englishwoman.

Gross's apparent impatience with the actual battle that gave his film its title is to be expected; the best American film about the Second World War (William Wyler's The Best Years of Our Lives) actually takes place after Japan and Germany are defeated, and you might argue that the best film about Vietnam (Francis Ford Coppola's Apocalypse Now) has about the same relationship to that conflict as a cheesecake has to a cow.

War is terrible enough that it's hard to imagine anyone wanting to spend two hours immersed in it, even in a theatre, so we use it as a setting for a romance (The English Patient) or an adventure (Guns Of Navarone) or even a bitter romance shot through with a castigating vision of a Canada rife with bigotry and intolerance (Passchendaele).

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Hopper's honour

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Imagination at imagineNATIVE

TAGHREED SAADEH
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The creative voices of First Nations women will be among those heard loudly and clearly at the ninth annual imagineNATIVE Film + Media Arts Festival, which runs in Toronto today until Sunday.

The festival, which annually spotlights Aboriginal filmmakers and media artists from across the Indigenous spectrum, features more than 125 works.

Two films will open the festival, the first being a short Canadian premiere, Mémère Métisse, by filmmaker Janelle Wookey. Another Canadian premiere, the feature River of No Return by Darlene Johnson, is to follow Mémère Métisse.

The imagineNATIVE closing night beings with a seven-minute short documentary titled Palace, by Richard Story, a drama with a dark undertone featuring Lorne Cardinal (Corner Gas) and the feature presentation Older Than America, an indictment of the residential school horrors, directed, produced by and starring Georgina Lightning.

The festival will feature two new exhibitions of contemporary Indigenous visual and media art entitled HOW: Engagements with the Hollywood Indian. The exhibition, curated by Ryan Rice (Mohawk), will be presented at two galleries — Trinity Square Video Gallery and A Space Gallery in the 401 Richmond building at Richmond and Spadina. This exhibition will explore the legacy of one-dimensional depictions of native North Americans in film, art and literature as affecting historic truth and contributing to stereotypical notions of Indigenous peoples.

Eight Aboriginal artists have been selected for the exhibition, including Walter Scott, Rosalie Favell, Sarah Sense, Nadya Kwandibens, Tommy Deer, Torry Mendoza, Terrance Houle, and Greg Staats

A welcome reception, open to public for free, takes place today at 1:30 p.m., at Native Canadian Centre of Toronto, 16 Spadina Rd.

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Lorne Cardinal of Corner Gas fame is featured in an imagineNATIVE seven-minute short documentary titled Palace.

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Pam criticizes model

Pamela Anderson, right, has blasted model Katie Price for her parenting skills. "She shows off her kids all the time in TV shows — that's beyond low," Anderson reportedly told New! Magazine. **THE DAILY MIRROR**

Spinning the PVR effect

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NEVER TOO LATE: The networks are sighing in relief and looking gratefully at the kids and their newfangled technology this week, now that ratings figures for delayed viewing — shows watched on PVRs after they've had their broadcast premiere, in other words — are finally in.

According to a New York Times story from Monday, it took Nielsen three weeks to get an accurate read on delayed viewing numbers, and, all in all, the numbers are good, so what's to complain about, right?

What the new technology has done, among other things, is allow the networks to defy simple laws of nature in their quest for viewers, such as the one that says no one can be in two places at the same time.

When two big shows face off against each other on the same night — like Grey's Anatomy on ABC and The Office on NBC, for instance — no one has to choose if they can record one, or both, and enjoy them later.

Both shows were big beneficiaries of PVR viewing, according to Nielsen, with Grey's Anatomy picking up 4.2 million viewers, and The Office picking up 2.5 million extra pairs of eyes.

House also gets a boost, with 3.7 million viewers watching at their convenience, and Heroes, which has had very soft ratings since its season debut, picked up 42 per cent new viewers in the 18-49 demographic, and a total of 2.4 million new viewers on playback, almost making up for its supposedly lost viewers — no surprise for a show that skews youthfully, and therefore more technologically literate.

Hammering that little sociocultural point home, another geeky, youthful show — Fox's Fringe — also did well in delayed viewing, as did 90210 and How I Met Your Mother. Even more interesting was that Sunday Night Football only picked up a scant 10,000 viewers in delayed viewing, and Dancing With The Stars picked up a mere 15 per cent of younger viewers.

These numbers are proof that there are now two types of prime-time program: "Event" shows that you need to catch live to have something to talk/blog/Facebook/ twitter about, and shows you take in at your leisure, like a rented movie, without caring too much about having plot points spoiled ahead of time.

The networks are going to have to figure out which one they're in the business of selling sooner or later, and their choice is going to have a bigger effect on TV than the advent of colour, perhaps even the introduction of cable. They'll have to figure out a new way to make money off of advertisers, though, since the conventional wisdom among ad buyers is that delayed viewing means skipped commercials — the president of research at NBC even went so far as to call PVRs "the ultimate frenemy."

It's a word that's probably going to join "get a horse" in the annals of executive cluelessness one day.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

Author Adiga wins Booker prize

BOOKS Aravind Adiga won the prestigious Man Booker prize yesterday for his first novel The White Tiger.

Adiga won the 50,000-pound ($100,000 Cdn) prize for a novel about a protagonist who will use any means necessary to fulfil his dream of escaping impoverished village life for success in the big city.

At 34, Adiga was the youngest of the finalists for the literary prize.

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Entertainment in brief

PEOPLE Actor Johnny Depp is the sexiest man in the world, a new survey by Britain's Cosmopolitan magazine suggests. Actor George Clooney came in second place, closely followed by actor Jake Gyllenhaal in third place, imdb.com reports. James Bond star Daniel Craig was fourth in the Sexiest Men poll of readers, and actor Brad Pitt rounded out the Top 5.

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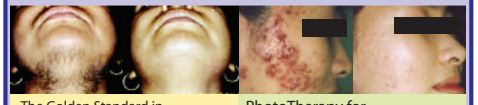

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critics' corner

The View From Here

The word "carny" may evoke an image of a scruffy character whose teeth and IQ points are both in the single digits. But as Alison Murray's documentary "Carny" reveals, the folks who operate the rides, run the games and peddle the munchies on the midway are a diverse bunch who have one thing in common: They find carnival life far better than what they came from. 10 PM on TVO

Little Mosque on the Prairie

There can't be that many qualified imams wandering around a town the size of Mercy, can there? Nevertheless, when Amaar (Zaib Shaikh) decides to come back from Toronto and resume his service at the mosque, he finds out he can't just pick up where he left off; he needs to reapply for the position. Carlo Rota, Sheila McCarthy and Sitara Hewitt also star in the new episode "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Mercy." 8 PM on CBC

Babies named

Singer Lisa Marie Presley and her husband Michael Lockwood have picked out names for their newborn twin girls: Finley and Harper. The couple's first children together were born Oct. 7. PEOPLE.COM

Celebrity Buzz

Lohan's leggings honour Monroe

FASHION Lindsay Lohan is getting a leg up on fashion, having launched her own line of leggings yesterday, People.com reports.

The actress posted on her MySpace page that the newest collection 6126 was to hit Henri Bendel's N.Y.C. store yesterday.

"I'm thrilled to announce that my new fashion collection, 6126, is finally ready for launch!!" she says. "I love to wear leggings, so it should come as no surprise that my first venture into the world of fashion design is with leggings!"

She goes on to explain the brand's cryptic name, saying, "I named the collection after Marilyn Monroe's birth date because to me she represents timeless, confident glam — and that is the voice of this brand."

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Potter star spotted touring Harvard

EDUCATION Harry Potter star Emma Watson is taking her U.S. college plans to the highest level by touring one of the America's most prestigious universities, imdb.com reports.

The young actress was spotted visiting the campus of Harvard University in Massachusetts last week for an open day.

Watson hinted about her plans to study abroad in an interview earlier this year.

"I've applied to a few universities for next year, including several American ones," she said. "If I do go there (America), I will do a liberal arts degree, but if I stay in the U.K. I'll do English literature."

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Madonna's impressive ethic

PEOPLE Pop superstar-turned-movie director Madonna impressed the cast on the set of her filmmaking debut Filth And Wisdom by showing up on set at the crack of dawn every day, imdb.com reports.

Madonna, whose comedy premiered in New York on Monday night, stunned lead actress Holly Weston by showing how dedicated she was to the project.

"She knew exactly what she wanted and there was no in between. She made everything very clear," Weston tells the New York Daily News. "Everything had to be perfect. I think she was even there before us in the morning."

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Sopranos star takes on fashion

PEOPLE Jamie-Lynn Sigler is joining the ranks of other celebrity designers and trying her hand at a jewelry line, People.com reports. The former Sopranos star and her friend Holly Freeman are teaming up to create a custom line of bangles and pendant necklaces ready for order at the beginning of the year.

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celebrity briefs

Aniston, Mayer seen smooching

ROMANCE Actress Jennifer Aniston and singer John Mayer were spotted reportedly kissing in Los Angeles on Monday, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The pair, who split last month after dating for around 12 weeks, reportedly arrived at the airport together on a private plane and were seen in a series of steamy clinches, prompting rumours their relationship is back on track.

"They were very lovey-dovey. They kissed several times and hugged each other tightly," a source said.

The couple are said to have reunited in New York, where Aniston was preparing to start a promotional tour for her new films He's Just Not That Into You and Marley And Me, and Mayer was relaxing after completing his recent world tour.

"Jennifer was in New York doing some shopping before she throws herself into her promotional work, John was in town as well so they hooked up," the source added.

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Joe O'Neill

Joe's take on celebrities

Jennifer Aniston and John Mayer are officially the principals of the According to Jim of celebrity relationships. You didn't pay any attention to it the first time it was on, and now for some unfathomable reason, it's in reruns. That's right, the woman who could dig potatoes with her chin and the guy who makes me wish Stevie Ray Vaughan had a better helicopter pilot are "reheating the cabbage," as the Italians say.

Or so they would have you believe. Isn't it funny that every time St. Angelina, Our Lady of Perpetual Hype, is on the cover of a magazine for doing something extraordinary like providing sustenance for her children, Brad Pitt's ex gets herself in the news either for declaring that she doesn't need anybody, or for snogging with the Jimi Hendrix of the Ritalin generation?

The details of the latest press release seem to have been written by Jen herself. Perhaps she is contemplating writing a series of romance novels with herself as the heroine. These would be a great addition to the children's book she penned in the '90s, The Prettiest Friend, and her signature perfume, Cougar, which doubles as a pregnancy test.

What's the name of that film that Aniston is about to start promoting? Oh, yeah, He's Just Not That Into You. Coincidence, surely. NEWSDESK@METRONEWS.CA

Beckham staffers arrested for suspicion of theft

PEOPLE Two staff members working for Victoria and David Beckham have been arrested in England on suspicion of theft, imdb.com reports.

The housekeepers, who work at the celebrity couple's mansion in England, dubbed Beckingham Palace by the British media, were taken into police custody on Monday.

According to tabloid reports in the U.K., the former Spice Girl's parents, who run the Beckhams' estate in Hertfordshire, became suspicious of their staff after personal items from the Beckhams' home turned up on auctioning website EBay.

The items for sale allegedly include soccer boots worn by L.A. Galaxy ace David, which are emblazoned with his children's names, as well as designer clothing belonging to Victoria.

A spokesman for Hertfordshire's police confirms they arrested a 56-year-old woman and 55-year-old man, before releasing them on bail.

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Simpson wants six children

FAMILY Jessica Simpson has revealed she wants six children, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

"I'd love six kids running around, but I guess I'll have to start pretty soon," said the singer, who is dating football player Tony Romo. "It's a beautiful relationship. Tony is everything I could dream of and I really love him. I'm proud to be his girlfriend."

Simpson insists she is happy to publicly speak about her love life, adding: "Even if things don't work out between Tony and me, though, knock on wood, I believe they will, I don't regret anything I've ever said.

"That's just how I love. I'm all in and I live one moment at a time. If I'm happy, I'll talk about being happy. Maybe I do talk too much, but I still feel as if I'm holding back."

As well as having no problem with sharing her private life with her fans, Simpson is prepared to speak about her divorce from singer Nick Lachey, whom she starred with on the reality show Newlyweds.

"I don't regret the show or my marriage," she told Australia's Daily Telegraph newspaper. "Not at all. It made me who I am."

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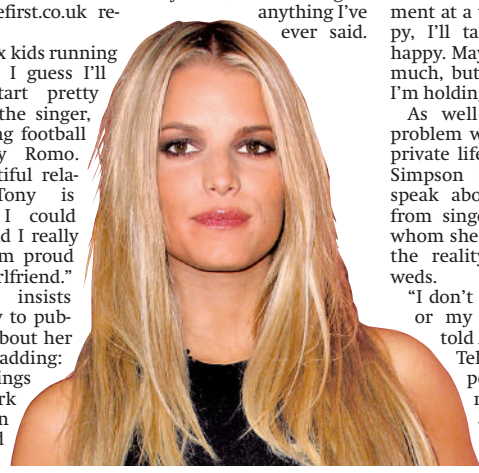

Slater eager for Heathers sequel

PEOPLE Actor Christian Slater is reportedly eager to return to the big screen alongside Winona Ryder in a sequel to their hit film Heathers, imdb.com reports. "Yeah, sometimes I see Winona (Ryder) and she's like, 'Are you ready to do Heathers 2?' And I'm like, 'Sure!' I would do it in a heartbeat. I would totally love to do that character again, J.D.," Slater tells AOL Television.

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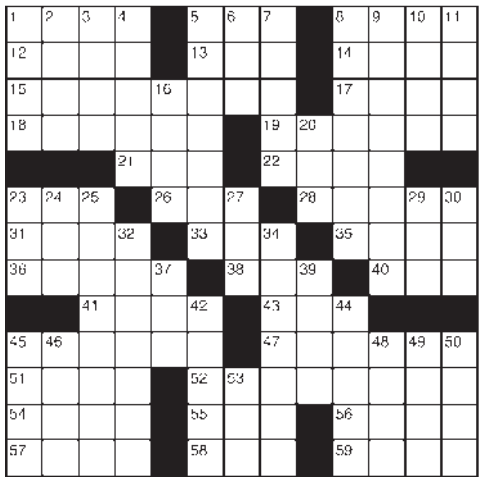

Crossword across

1 "Cheers" order
5 Cleo's slayer
8 Look lecherously
12 Needle case
13 Prohibit
14 Incursion
15 Grotesque carving
17 Raised
18 Sailing vessels
19 Like wet roads
21 Sleep phenom
22 Location
23 Gasoline stat
26 Nev. neighbour
28 Jeans material
31 Support group?
33 Romanian money
35 FDR is on it
36 Heart line?
38 Switch settings
40 Likely
41 Karma
43 Collection
45 Accommodated
47 Squat
51 Duel tool
52 Chickpea
54 Gangster's gal pal
55 Time of your life?
56 Celebrity
57 Race place
58 Tier
59 Rent

Crossword down

1 Pleads
2 And others (Lat.)
3 Franc replacement
4 Severity
5 Immeasurably deep
6 "Erie Canal" mule
7 Iron
8 Traveled around the world?
9 Corsage flower
10 Told tales
11 Whirlpool
16 Oil cartel
20 Tease
23 Biz deg.
24 Yes voter
25 Jon Arbuckle's cat
27 Zodiac sign
29 Demonic tyke
30 Bumped into
32 Grand
34 Remove a light bulb
37 Packed away
39 Belgrade dweller
42 Candice's dad
44 Raise a glass to
45 Half (Pref.)
46 "Once — a time ..."
48 "Do — others ..."
49 Despot
50 Gridlock noisemaker
53 In olden days

Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

	5		4					
3	7					8		1
		2		1				7
6		9		5	4			
	3						5	
			8	3		7		9
2				8		1		
1		6					9	2
					1		7	

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5	9	3	6	8	2	4	7	1
7	1	6	3	4	5	2	8	9
4	2	8	7	1	9	3	5	6
3	5	7	1	6	8	9	4	2
9	6	2	4	5	7	1	3	8
8	4	1	2	9	3	7	6	5
6	7	4	8	2	1	5	9	3
1	3	5	9	7	6	8	2	4
2	8	9	5	3	4	6	1	7

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:
Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min.....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

Recipe of the day

Grilled swordfish steaks with tomato and pepper salsa

INGREDIENTS:
4 swordfish or other fish steaks, about 5 ¼ oz (150 g) each
4 tbsp (60 mL) extra virgin olive oil
Juice of 1 small orange
1 garlic clove, crushed
Pepper to taste
1 orange, cut into wedges, to garnish

TOMATO AND PEPPER SALSA:
7 oz (200 g) Italian tomatoes, diced
1/2 red pepper, seeded and diced
1/2 red onion, finely chopped
Juice of 1 small orange
½ oz (15 g) fresh basil, chopped
1 tbsp (15 mL) balsamic vinegar
1 teaspoon caster (superfine) sugar
Pepper to taste

METHOD:
1. Place fish steaks in a shallow non-metallic dish. Mix together olive oil, orange juice, garlic and pepper to season, and spoon over the fish steaks.
2. For salsa, combine tomatoes, red pepper, onion, orange juice, basil, balsamic vinegar and sugar, and season with pepper. Spoon into serving bowl.
3. Heat a lightly oiled, ridged cast-iron grill pan or a heavy-based frying pan over a high heat. Place the fish steaks in the grill pan or in the frying pan and cook for 2–3 minutes per side, basting from time to time with oil mixture, until fish flakes easily.
4. Place fish steaks on individual warm serving plates and grind over some additional black pepper. Garnish fish with wedges of orange and serve with salsa.

SERVES 4

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Rely on your wits when someone slows progress. Change anything that interferes with sincerity. Being dignified wins when someone is shouting.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Thoughtless actions will cause headaches. A brave soul gives up in frustration. Don't argue about money with a fool.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You'll get an unexpected offer from a long-lost friend. Distinguish yourself by contacting an elder. A woman is more helpful than a bad boy.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Secret messages are the solution to a mix-up. Don't take chances to end a bothersome situation. A desperado tempts someone with bad taste.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Keep away from a scared brunette. A friend is fired up about having a good time. Don't let pride provoke a misunderstanding.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Someone who admires you will speak up. A worker is incompetent. Speculation will make you flustered.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Be witty in a scintillating situation. Suspicion falls on a fool and his money. Impressive moves are made by a mature woman.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
A foolish schemer is caught at last. Mischief-makers will run rampant. A friendly woman is accused of having a secret agenda.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Try to understand why you flipped your lid. An agreement in principle comes easily. Make up your mind without interference.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Have pity on the bewildered. A formidable friend modifies unrealistic expectations. A warrior wants to find the truth.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Avoid making whimsical remarks. A wicked scheme will cause laughter. Happiness grows when difficulties cause unexpected giggles.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
People may not be ready for a drastic change. Searching reveals a good alternative to gloom. Visit with a musical friend.

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OCT. 15, 1951: Mexican chemist Luis E. Miramontes synthesizes the first oral contraceptive.
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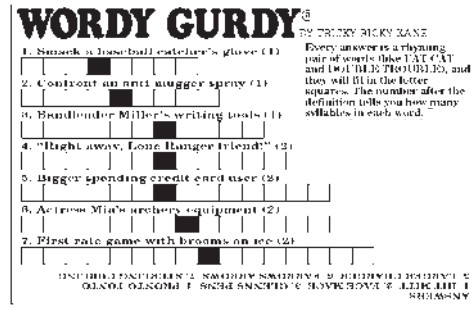

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